

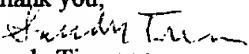
June 13, 2001

Serial number 09/324601

Examiner Azpuru:

Attached are the search results for your request. Please review them and let me know if you want to try another search or refocus the current search.

Thank you,

  
Sandy Tiemann

Reference

09/324,601

Berebitsky et al.

10/3,K/1 (Item 1 from file: 15)  
 DIALOG(R)File 15:ABI/Inform(R)  
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01682041 03-33031

**The gifts that keep on giving**

Berebitsky, Adam; Saltz, Brad

Restaurant Hospitality v82n8 PP: 26-27 Aug 1998

ISSN: 0147-9989 JRNL CODE: RHP

WORD COUNT: 739

...TEXT: a bank checkmaking it easier for you to process them after redemption and maintain your **accounting** records. These products are also taking advantage of the **Internet** by configuring **gift certificate databases** that can be shared by multiple **store** locations.

Every restaurant owner should heavily promote gift certificates and take his or her share...

10/3,K/2 (Item 2 from file: 15)  
 DIALOG(R)File 15:ABI/Inform(R)  
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01093441 97-42835

**Peapod picks, delivers groceries ordered by PC**

Rubinstein, Ed

Discount Store News v34n18 PP: 99-101 Sep 18, 1995

ISSN: 0012-3587 JRNL CODE: DSN

WORD COUNT: 1003

...TEXT: 95, plus 5% of the total order. Payment for groceries can be made by check, **credit** card, **store gift certificates** or Peapod **electronic** payment. Peapod guarantees each and every order it delivers and even accepts all **store** and manufacturer coupons.

Who uses Peapod? According to Milligan, "The major hot button for a...

10/3,K/3 (Item 1 from file: 9)  
 DIALOG(R)File 9:Business & Industry(R)  
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01394931 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULLTEXT)

**Blockbuster and CES/NaBANCO develop electronic gift card**

(Blockbuster Entertainment and CES/NaBANCO develop electronic gift card that can be used like cash at Blockbuster stores)

Music &amp; Copyright, n 82, p 15

January 31, 1996

DOCUMENT TYPE: Newsletter ISSN: 0968-0322 (United Kingdom)

LANGUAGE: English RECORD TYPE: Fulltext

WORD COUNT: 39

(USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULLTEXT)

**TEXT:**

US music and video **retailer** Blockbuster Entertainment and **credit** card operator CES/NaBANCO have developed an **electronic gift card** that can be used like cash at Blockbuster **stores**. Over 400,000 Blockbuster

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File 348:EUROPEAN PATENTS 1978-2001/May W02

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File 349:PCT Fulltext 1983-2001/UB=20010531, UT=20010517

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S1 3 AU="ROBERTSON STEVEN"  
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1/3,K/1 (Item 1 from file: 348)  
DIALOG(R) File 348:EUROPEAN PATENTS  
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01176247.

**ORAL TRANSMUCOSAL DELIVERY**

**ADMINISTRATION PAR VOIE TRANSMUQUEUSE ORALE**

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**PATENT (CC, No, Kind, Date):**

WO 0032171 000608

APPLICATION (CC, No, Date): WO 99972917 991129; WO 99GB3985 991129

PRIORITY (CC, No, Date): GB 9826192-981201

DESIGNATED STATES: AT; BE; CH; CY; DE; DK; ES; FI; FR; GB; GR; IE; IT; LI;  
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INTERNATIONAL PATENT CLASS: A61K-009/20

LANGUAGE (Publication,Procedural,Application): English; English; English

**INVENTOR:**

... GB)

ROBERTSON, Steven ...

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00304222

**Dynamic braking centrifuge.**

**Zentrifuge mit dynamischer Bremsung.**

**Centrifugeuse a freinage dynamique.**

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PATENT (CC, No, Kind, Date): EP 322657 A2 890705 (Basic)  
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APPLICATION (CC, No, Date): EP 88120947 881215;

PRIORITY (CC, No, Date): US 138096 871228

DESIGNATED STATES: DE; GB

INTERNATIONAL PATENT CLASS: G01N-021/07;

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LANGUAGE (Publication,Procedural,Application): English; English; English

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**ORAL TRANSMUCOSAL DELIVERY**

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Application: WO 99GB3985 19991129 (PCT/WO GB9903985)

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WPI Acc No: 2001-060795/200107  
XRPX Acc No: N01-045582

**Anonymous transaction authentication in internet, involves retrieving data related to minor customer using the duplicated information received from customer to authorize transaction**

Patent Assignee: BARTON P R (BART-I)

Inventor: BARTON P R

Number of Countries: 091 Number of Patents: 002

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
WO 200063855	A1	20001026	WO 2000US10678	A	20000419	200107 B
AU 200044763	A	20001102	AU 200044763	A	20000419	200107

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 99474378 A 19991229; US 99294270 A 19990419; US 99323437 A 19990601; US 99326298 A 19990604; US 99165546 A 19991115; US 99165547 A 19991115; US 99474110 A 19991229

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AU 200044763	A			G07F-007/08	Based on patent WO 200063855
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**Anonymous transaction authentication in internet, involves retrieving data related to minor customer using the duplicated information received from...**

Abstract (Basic):

... Information including transaction date, amount, time and PIN  
of a service provider (21) and duplicated identification information of  
the minor customer are forwarded...

... a) anonymous transaction **authentication** system...

...b) anonymous transaction **authentication** server system...

...For secured anonymous e-commerce through **internet** using credit/debit  
cards, **gift card** especially for purchase by minor customer...

...Facilitates centralized offline customer identity and information  
**authentication** while maintaining anonymity of customer which allows  
service provider to easily and inexpensively **authenticate** customer  
related business information revealing without true identity of the  
customer...

...The figure shows schematic view of the information flow model in  
**authentication** system...

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013545579    \*\*Image available\*\*  
WPI Acc No: 2001-029785/200104  
XRPX Acc No: N01-023794

**Forgery prevention sheet for bank notes, has converting density difference image which is coupled with image obtained from tested sheet, to verify authentication of sheet**

Patent Assignee: OKURASHO INSATSU KYOKUCHO (OKUR-N)

Number of Countries: 001    Number of Patents: 001

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
JP 2000311266	A	20001107	JP 99121622	A	19990428	200104 B

Priority Applications (No Type Date): JP 99121622 A 19990428

Patent Details:

Patent No	Kind	Lan	Pg	Main IPC	Filing Notes
JP 2000311266	A		7	G07D-007/00	

**... converting density difference image which is coupled with image obtained from tested sheet, to verify authentication of sheet**

Abstract (Basic):

...        by image converter. The converted image and image obtained from tested sheet are compared, and **authentication** of tested sheet is verified.

...        For forgery prevention in bank note, visa, passport, stamp, stock certificate, **gift certificate**, money card, **credit card**, **electronic** money card...

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DIALOG(R)File 350:Derwent WPIX  
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013502040    \*\*Image available\*\*  
WPI Acc No: 2000-673981/200066  
XRPX Acc No: N00-499659

**Numerical data processing apparatus for e.g. digital wallet containing electronically stored money and carrying out complex money transactions electronically**

Patent Assignee: FUJITSU LTD (FUIT )

Inventor: KAWASAKI Y

Number of Countries: 027    Number of Patents: 003

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
EP 1039421	A2	20000927	EP 99308079	A	19991013	200066 B
JP 2000276543	A	20001006	JP 9983059	A	19990326	200066
CN 1268718	A	20001004	CN 99127093	A	19991229	200067

Priority Applications (No Type Date): JP 9983059 A 19990326

Patent Details:

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CN 1268718        A        G06F-017/60

Abstract (Basic):

...        For **electronic** money or **gift certificates**.



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...Can regenerate a complex transfer of money electronically e.g. taking into **account** discretionary tips etc

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013250683 \*\*Image available\*\*  
WPI Acc No: 2000-422566/200036  
Related WPI Acc No: 2001-102212  
XRPX Acc No: N00-315365

Gift check, **certificate transferring method using internet**,  
**involves informing receiver about charge account opened for receiver by**  
**payer as gift, so that receiver activates that account for purchase**

Patent Assignee: C/BASE INC (CBAS-N)  
Inventor: GILLIN M J; KORFMANN R  
Number of Countries: 087 Number of Patents: 002  
Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
WO 200028461	A1	20000518	WO 99US23502 ✓	A	19991013	200036 B
AU 200012018	A	20000529	AU 200012018	A	19991013	200041

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 98188810 A 19981109

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AU 200012018 A G06F-151/00 Based on patent WO 200028461

Gift check, **certificate transferring method using internet**,  
**involves informing receiver about charge account opened for receiver by**  
**payer as gift, so that receiver activates that account for purchase**

Abstract (Basic):

... A payer demands for gift certificate, which is an indication of  
charge **account**, in the name of receiver. On acquisition of  
certificate, payer sends E-mail to receiver with selected greeting and  
**account** parameter of the certificate charge **account**. On receiving  
E-mail, the receiver activates the **account** for purchase through a  
merchant who possesses particular infrastructure for authorizing  
**account** usage.

... The payer establishes an **account** for settling the transaction,  
in association with the charge **accounts**. On receiving message that  
the receiver has completed purchase, the payer settles the amount. An

...For transferring **gift check, gift certificate** using **internet**  
for **online** purchase by receiver...

...Title Terms: **ACCOUNT** ;

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010674140    \*\*Image available\*\*  
WPI Acc No: 1996-171094/199617  
Related WPI Acc No: 1992-331938; 1997-393026  
XRPX Acc No: N96-143772

Electronic gift certificate dispenser for credit card purchase  
- prints and dispenses gift certificate after verifying credit card  
and debiting account transferring information on purchase to central  
processing unit for credit card bill

Patent Assignee: GIFT CERTIFICATE CENT (GIFT-N)

Inventor: ALEXANDER K J; BROOKS P R; DOYLE T J; HAMILTON R H; VEENEMAN W J

Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
US 5500514	A	19960319	US 91664930	A	19910305	199617 B
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			US 937007	A	19930121	

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 937007 A 19930121; US 91664930 A  
19910305; US 91760875 A 19910916

Patent Details:

Patent No	Kind	Lan	Pg	Main IPC	Filing Notes
US 5500514	A		31	C	CIP of application US 91664930 CIP of application US 91760875 CIP of patent US 5243174

Electronic gift certificate dispenser for credit card purchase

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...prints and dispenses gift certificate after verifying credit card  
and debiting account transferring information on purchase to central  
processing unit for credit card bill

...Abstract (Basic): with a monitor (12) and touch screen (14). A magnetic  
card reader (16) reads the credit card for payment. There is a  
certificate dispenser slot (18) and envelope dispenser slot (20). The

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...telephone to a main computer. Transactions are transmitted to the  
computer. The computer accesses a credit card authorisation  
computer for credit card authorisation. The computer is connected  
to a printer to print the transactions. Printed certificates contain...

...USE/ADVANTAGE - Maintains high level of security, accepts credit card  
or paper money...

...Title Terms: ACCOUNT ;

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009204506    \*\*Image available\*\*  
WPI Acc No: 1992-331938/199240  
Related WPI Acc No: 1996-171094; 1997-393026  
XRPX Acc No: N92-253514

Gift certificate generating and dispensing appts. - enables user to  
select retailer from menu and enter gift value then verifies credit  
card, debits account and prints certificate

Search report

...Inventor: ROBERTSON S C  
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 Related WPI Acc No: 1994-279933; 1994-279934  
 XRPX Acc No: N94-220497

**Telecommunications optical back-plane connecting system - has holographic deflector mounted to form part of backplane with transmitter mounted on component boards with lens giving defocused image**

Patent Assignee: GEC-MARCONI LTD (MAON )  
 Inventor: BAINS M; CAWTE P S; LAYCOCK L C; **ROBERTSON S C**  
 Number of Countries: 019 Number of Patents: 001  
 Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
WO 9418589	A1	19940818	WO 94GB222	A	19940204	199434 B

Priority Applications (No Type Date): GB 932324 A 19930205  
 Patent Details:

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Designated States (National): CA JP US  
 Designated States (Regional): AT BE CH DE DK ES FR GB GR IE IT LU MC NL  
 PT SE

...Inventor: **ROBERTSON S C**

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010012222 \*\*Image available\*\*  
 WPI Acc No: 1994-279934/199434  
 Related WPI Acc No: 1994-279933; 1994-279935  
 XRPX Acc No: N94-220496

**Telecommunications optical backplate connecting system - has hologram mounted on plane surface forming part of backplate with optical transmitter mounted on component board, with auxiliary hologram giving reflections**

Patent Assignee: GEC-MARCONI LTD (MAON )  
 Inventor: BAINS M; CAWTE P S; LAYCOCK L C; **ROBERTSON S C**  
 Number of Countries: 019 Number of Patents: 001  
 Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
WO 9418588	A1	19940818	WO 94GB221	A	19940204	199434 B

Priority Applications (No Type Date): GB 932324 A 19930205  
 Patent Details:

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WPI Acc No: 1994-279933/199434

XRPX Acc No: N94-220495

**Telecommunications optical back-plane connecting system - has hologram forming part of backplane with transmitter flexibly mounted on component board being perpendicular to mate with backplane**

Patent Assignee: GEC-MARCONI LTD (MAON )

Inventor: BAINS M; CAWTE P S; LAYCOCK L C; ROBERTSON S C

Number of Countries: 019 Number of Patents: 001

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
WO 9418587	A1	19940818	WO 94GB220	A	19940204	199434 B

Priority Applications (No Type Date): GB 932324 A 19930205

Patent Details:

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WPI Acc No: 1992-168792/199221

XRPX Acc No: N92-127217

**Holographic optical back-plane circuit board interconnector - uses silver halide holographic plate on transparent solid polymeric block to route light beams between light transmitters and receivers on electronic circuit boards**

Patent Assignee: GPT LTD (ENGE )

Inventor: ROBERTSON S C

Number of Countries: 018 Number of Patents: 011

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
EP 486208	A2	19920520	EP 91310258	A	19911106	199221 B
AU 9187874	A	19920521	AU 9187874	A	19911114	199229
CA 2055301	A	19920515	CA 2055301	A	19911112	199231
FI 9105357	A	19920515	FI 915357	A	19911113	199232
GB 2253317	A	19920902	GB 9123577	A	19911106	199236
JP 4286191	A	19921012	JP 91326422	A	19911114	199247
US 5182780	A	19930126	US 91791458	A	19911113	199307
CN 1063172	A	19920729	CN 91111548	A	19911114	199315
EP 486208	A3	19930331	EP 91310258	A	19911106	199350
PT 99510	A	19931231	PT 99510	A	19911114	199404
GB 2253317	B	19941019	GB 9123577	A	19911106	199439

Priority Applications (No Type Date): GB 9024713 A 19901114

Patent Details:

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Designated States (Regional): BE DE DK ES FR GR IT LU NL SE

GB 2253317 A 18 H04B-010/10

JP 4286191 A 8 H05K-007/14

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US 5182780	A	8 G02B-006/26
GB 2253317	B	2 H04B-010/10
AU 9187874	A	H05K-001/14
CA 2055301	A	H05K-007/14
FI 9105357	A	G02B
CN 1063172	A	G08C-019/36
EP 486208	A3	G02B-006/42
PT 99510	A	G02B-006/42

Inventor: **ROBERTSON S C**

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008238875 \*\*Image available\*\*  
 WPI Acc No: 1990-125876/199017  
 XRPX Acc No: N90-097506

**Appts. for measuring fibre optic core and cladding concentricity - uses ultraviolet light to produce fluorescence in core and visible light to detect cladding boundary**

Patent Assignee: GEC PLESSEY TELECOM LTD (ENGE )

Inventor: **ROBERTSON S C**

Number of Countries: 004 Number of Patents: 004

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
EP 356003	A	19900228	EP 89307486	A	19890724	199017 B
GB 2222250	A	19900228	GB 8916497	A	19890719	199019
US 4992666	A	19910212	US 89390095	A	19890817	199109
GB 2222250	B	19920708	GB 8916497	A	19890719	199228

Priority Applications (No Type Date): GB 8820132 A 19880824; GB 8916497 A 19890719

Patent Details:

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Designated States (Regional): DE NL

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Inventor: **ROBERTSON S C**

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004334451  
 WPI Acc No: 1985-161329/198527  
 XRPX Acc No: N85-121673

**Fibre-optic interferometric sensor - measures fringe separation due to interference that changes in response to temp. or length variation**

Patent Assignee: GENERAL ELECTRIC CO PLC (ENGE )

Inventor: MCMILLAN J L; **ROBERTSON S C**

Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 002

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
GB 2150687	A	19850703	GB 8429812	A	19841126	198527 B
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Priority Applications (No Type Date): GB 8332409 A 19831205; GB 8429812 A 19841126

## Patent Details:

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Patent Assignee: GIFT CERTIFICATE CENT, INC. (GIFT-N)

Inventor: ALEXANDER K J; BROOKS P R; DOYLE T J; HAMILTON R H; VEENEMAN W J

Number of Countries: 019 Number of Patents: 006

Patent Family:

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WO 9215968	A1	19920917	WO 92US1187	A	19920212	199240 B
AU 9215774	A	19921006	AU 9215774	A	19920212	199301
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US 5243174	A	19930907	US 91664930	A	19910305	199337
EP 574529	A1	19931222	EP 92908612	A	19920212	199351
			WO 92US1187	A	19920212	
AU 649934	B	19940602	AU 9215774	A	19920212	199427
JP 6505582	W	19940623	JP 92508156	A	19920212	199429
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Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 91760875 A 19910916; US 91664930 A 19910305

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AU 9215774	A		B	Based on patent WO 9215968
US 5243174	A		27 B	
EP 574529	A1	E 2	B	Based on patent WO 9215968
				Designated States (Regional): DE FR GB IT NL SE
AU 649934	B		B	Previous Publ. patent AU 9215774
				Based on patent WO 9215968
JP 6505582	W		B	Based on patent WO 9215968

... enables user to select retailer from menu and enter gift value then verifies credit card, debits account and prints certificate

...Abstract (Basic): A consumer approaches the gift dispenser (10) and inserts a **credit card** into a magnetic reader (16). The consumer chooses a retailer from a menu of participating retailers and enters the gift certificate value. The machine automatically verifies the **credit card** causes the **account** to be debited and prints the gift certificate (200...

...purchases is transferred from the devices to the cpu to be controlled and billed to **credit card accounts**. The cpu also informs merchants of the purchase of gift certificates that will be redeemed...

...Abstract (Equivalent): A consumer approaches the device and inserts a **credit card** into a magnetic card reader. The consumer chooses a retailer from a menu of participating retailers and enters the gift certificate value. The machine automatically verifies the **credit card**, causes the **account** to be debited and prints the gift certificate...

...transferred from the devices to the central processing unit to be collated and billed to **credit card accounts**. The central processing unit also informs merchants of the purchase of gift certificates that will...

...USE - **Electronic gift certificate** dispenser for printing and dispensing a gift certificate purchased by a **credit card**.



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Set	Items	Description
S1	403	GIFT()CERTIFICATE? OR GIFT()CHECK? OR CONTRIBUTION()BROKER? OR GIFT()CARD?
S2	1734752	ELECTRONIC OR ON()LINE OR ONLINE OR WWW OR WEB OR WORLD()W- IDE()WEB OR INTERNET OR WEBSITE ? OR DIGITAL OR NET OR NETWOR- K? OR CYBER OR VIRTUAL OR DIGITI? OR DATABASE? OR E()COMMERCE OR E()MAIL OR E()TAIL? OR ECOMMERCE
S3	1882258	MERCHANT? OR STORE? OR SHOP? OR RETAIL? OR MALL OR MALLS OR MARKETPLACE OR OUTLET? OR RESELLER? OR CHARITY OR CHARITIES - OR CHARITABLE OR ORGANIZATION? OR BUSINESS? OR POLITICAL OR C- AUSE OR CAUSES
S4	330856	CREDIT()CARD? OR PURCHASE()TRANSACTION? OR BROKER? OR ACCO- UNT? OR AUTHENICAT? OR PIN OR PERSONAL()INDENTIFICATION()NUMB- ER?
S5	20	S1 AND S2 AND S3

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XRPX Acc No: N01-115855

Electronic coupon distributing method for advertisement, involves  
storing coupon offer and contact data of digital file in database of  
portable computing device

Patent Assignee: MANKOFF J W (MANK-I)

Inventor: MANKOFF J W

Number of Countries: 083 Number of Patents: 002

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
WO 200068858	A1	20001116	WO 2000US12955	A	20000511	200116 B
AU 200050049	A	20001121	AU 200050049	A	20000511	200117

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 99309989 A 19990511

Patent Details:

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WO 200068858 A1 E 18 G06F-017/60

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IE IT KE LS LU MC MW NL OA PT SD SE SL SZ TZ UG ZW

AU 200050049 A G06F-017/60 Based on patent WO 200068858

Electronic coupon distributing method for advertisement, involves  
storing coupon offer and contact data of digital file in database of  
portable computing device

Abstract (Basic):

... The digital file is supplied to client from a server based on  
selection of clickable graphic from displayed web page. The digital  
file having coupon offer and contact data is supplied from client to  
portable computing device. The coupon offer and contact data are  
stored in a database in portable computing device.

... The coupon offer is redeemed at retail establishment. The  
digital file includes data regarding map, hyperlink to web site and  
reminder dates...

...For distribution of electronic coupon, gift certificate, for  
distribution of virtual discounts by advertiser...

...Enables automatic update of contact data associated with coupon provided  
such as address, web site URL, map and e-mail in PDA contact  
file. Enables redemption of coupon for online purchase by contacting  
PDA to web site. Facilitates easy organization of virtual coupons  
in different groups such as food, entertainment, travel and retail.  
Reduces advertisements cost reliably...

Title Terms: ELECTRONIC ;

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WPI Acc No: 2001-158909/200116

XRPX Acc No: N01-115813

**Rewards providing method for on- line commercial transaction using internet, involves maintaining database of registered credit card numbers and electronic offers to provide reward automatically to customer**

Patent Assignee: SHOPEXPERT.COM INC (SHOP-N)

Inventor: EGAN D M; EGAN T; HOM J T

Number of Countries: 092 Number of Patents: 002

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
WO 200062231	A1	20001019	WO 2000US9759	A	20000412	200116 B
AU 200043423	A	20001114	AU 200043423	A	20000412	200116

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 2000129010 A 20000412; US 99129010 A 19990413

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AU 200043423	A			G06F-017/60	Based on patent WO 200062231
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**Rewards providing method for on- line commercial transaction using internet, involves maintaining database of registered credit card numbers and electronic offers to provide reward automatically to customer**

Abstract (Basic):

... A **database** (66) has registered credit card numbers and **electronic** offers. When a customer clipped **electronic** offer by associating one or more of the registered card numbers with the offers, a...

... uses a payment card which is a credit card to make a purchase to which **electronic** offer that the customer has virtually clipped applies, the customers credit card account is automatically...

...Points are added to the customers reward account automatically. The customer is provided with a **gift certificate** when the customer uses the credit card. The credit card numbers are registered using an interface. Credit card number are obtained from an **internet** service provider (44) having an interface for use by existing customers. **Electronic** confirmation of reward is provided to the customer. An INDEPENDENT CLAIM is also included for...

...Used in **on -line** commercial transactions over **internet** enabling customers to purchase certain product from selected **merchants** .

...

...Provides easy tracking system that combines **web** site technologies and payment card interfaces to create a unique customer tracking system that supports click and mortar **retail** market. Allows for distribution of **merchant** offers of target groups of **shoppers** most likely to respond to offer across an increasingly expansive **network** of **web** sites...

...**Internet** service provider (44)...

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...Database (66  
...Title Terms: DATABASE ;

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WPI Acc No: 2001-060795/200107  
XRPX Acc No: N01-045582

**Anonymous transaction authentication in internet, involves retrieving data related to minor customer using the duplicated information received from customer to authorize transaction**

Patent Assignee: BARTON P R (BART-I)

Inventor: BARTON P R

Number of Countries: 091 Number of Patents: 002

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
WO 200063855	A1	20001026	WO 2000US10678	A	20000419	200107 B
AU 200044763	A	20001102	AU 200044763	A	20000419	200107

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 99474378 A 19991229; US 99294270 A 19990419; US 99323437 A 19990601; US 99326298 A 19990604; US 99165546 A 19991115; US 99165547 A 19991115; US 99474110 A 19991229

Patent Details:

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AU 200044763 A G07F-007/08 Based on patent WO 200063855

**Anonymous transaction authentication in internet, involves retrieving data related to minor customer using the duplicated information received from customer to...**

Abstract (Basic):

... a system server (22). The server retrieves information related to the customer from its own **database**, for the requested transaction, analyzes the information for authorizing the transaction.

... For secured anonymous **e-commerce** through **internet** using credit/debit cards, **gift card** especially for purchase by minor customer...

...maintaining anonymity of customer which allows service provider to easily and inexpensively authenticate customer related **business** information revealing without true identity of the customer...

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XRPX Acc No: N01-004707

Electronic gift certificate transferring method over internet,  
involves presenting recipients with items whose value does not exceed  
value of gift certificate

Patent Assignee: SACHS A (SACH-I)

Inventor: SACHS A

Number of Countries: 089 Number of Patents: 002

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
WO 200049556	A1	20000824	WO 2000US4061	A	20000217	200101 B
AU 200032344	A	20000904	AU 200032344	A	20000217	200103

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 99251818 A 19990217

Patent Details:

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SG SI SK SL TJ TM TR TT TZ UA UG UZ VN YU ZA ZW

Designated States (Regional): AT BE CH CY DE DK EA ES FI FR GB GH GM GR  
IE IT KE LS LU MC MW NL OA PT SD SE SL SZ TZ UG ZW

AU 200032344 A G06F-019/00 Based on patent WO 200049556

Electronic gift certificate transferring method over internet,  
involves presenting recipients with items whose value does not exceed  
value of gift certificate

Abstract (Basic):

... A gift certificate is transmitted to a recipient via e -  
mail without an indicia of the value of the gift certificate after  
selecting a value of the gift certificate. The recipient is  
presented with items whose value does not exceed the value of the gift  
certificate.

... A card is selected to be sent with the gift certificate and  
a music is also selected to accompany the gift certificate. The  
value of the gift certificate is then selected by the user. The  
gift certificate is then transmitted to the recipient without an  
indicia of the value of the gift certificate. If the value of the  
item purchased by the recipient does not equal the value of the gift  
certificate, excess amount is refunded to the giver. Else the value of  
the gift certificate is reduced by a value of item purchased by the  
recipient...

...For transferring, receiving and utilizing electronic gift  
certificates over internet.

...Transfers and receives gift certificate without the recipient  
knowing or able to readily ascertain the value. Avoids reducing the  
value of gift certificate, since items that cannot be purchased by  
the recipient with the gift certificate are not displayed to the  
recipient. Enables the recipient, to purchase items of their own  
selection. Allows the recipient to use the gift certificate to  
purchase one or more items from one or more participating merchants,  
until the aggregate purchase price equals the total value of gift  
certificate.

...The figure shows the flowchart of how the recipient uses a gift

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certificate .

Title Terms: **ELECTRONIC** ;

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013502040 \*\*Image available\*\*  
WPI Acc No: 2000-673981/200066  
XRPX Acc No: N00-499659

**Numerical data processing apparatus for e.g. digital wallet containing electronically stored money and carrying out complex money transactions electronically**

Patent Assignee: FUJITSU LTD (FUIT )

Inventor: KAWASAKI Y

Number of Countries: 027 Number of Patents: 003

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
EP 1039421	A2	20000927	EP 99308079	A	19991013	200066 B
JP 2000276543	A	20001006	JP 9983059	A	19990326	200066
CN 1268718	A	20001004	CN 99127093	A	19991229	200067

Priority Applications (No Type Date): JP 9983059 A 19990326

Patent Details:

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LI LT LU LV MC MK NL PT RO SE SI

JP 2000276543 A 17 G06F-019/00

CN 1268718 A G06F-017/60

**Numerical data processing apparatus for e.g. digital wallet containing electronically stored money and carrying out complex money transactions electronically**

Abstract (Basic):

... Transmitted numerical data is **stored** in a memory. The numerical data stands for a numerical value to be converted into...  
... involved in the transactions. **INDEPENDENT CLAIMS** are included for a method of numerical data, an **electronic** money device, and money data...

...For **electronic** money or gift **certificates** .

...The drawing shows an internal plan view of the **digital** wallet

...Title Terms: **DIGITAL** ;

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013500427  
WPI Acc No: 2000-672368/200065  
XRPX Acc No: N00-498492

Online database **system for enabling expected value payments**  
Patent Assignee: ROSSIDES M T (ROSS-I)

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Inventor: ROSSIDES M T

Number of Countries: 034 Number of Patents: 002

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
WO 200030015	A1	20000525	WO 99US27583	A	19991119	200065 B
AU 200031020	A	20000605	AU 200031020	A	19991119	200065

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 98109119 A 19981119

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Designated States (Regional): AT BE CH CY DE DK EA ES FI FR GB GR IE IT  
LU MC NL PT SE

AU 200031020 A G06F-153/00 Based on patent WO 200030015

Online database system for enabling expected value payments

Abstract (Basic):

... expected value payment bet. A redemption request is received from the recipient through a redemption web page. The payment data is sent to a paper check creation agent directing the agent...

... The payer's name, the payer's e-mail address, recipient's legal name, payment amount, and payoff amount are input. The recipient's e-mail address and a password for identity verification are input. The payer is checked whether he...

...identification is created. An expected value payment bet is executed and the transaction record is stored. The result is output to the payer in a web page and sent to the payer's e-mail address and recipient's e-mail address...

...to pay an individual a small amount of money e.g. dividend, utility bill credit, gift certificate refund...

Title Terms: DATABASE ;

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WPI Acc No: 2000-637079/200061

Related WPI Acc No: 1998-387567

XRPX Acc No: N00-472377

**Financial instrument printing system has security processor to allow printer to print financial instrument after confirming identity of printer**

Patent Assignee: FIRST DATA CORP (FIRS-N)

Inventor: CUSTY J M; KNOLL B L

Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
US 6088684	A	20000711	US 93173907	A	19931227	200061 B
			US 96732159	A	19961016	
			US 98106490	A	19980629	

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 93173907 A 19931227; US 96732159 A 19961016; US 98106490 A 19980629

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US 6088684	A		22	G06F-157/00	Cont of application US 93173907
					Cont of application US 96732159
					Cont of patent US 5774879

## Abstract (Basic):

... A security processor compares unique identifier of a printer and a **stored** identifier to confirm identity of printer. On confirming identity of printer, the processor automatically transmits...

...printer to gain access to the printer. The printer prints information associated with financial instrument **stored** in **database** using magnetic ink character recognition font after password is confirmed.

... For printing financial instruments such as money grams, starter checks, variable amount coupons, **gift checks**, **gift certificates**, insta-pay functions, phone cards, etc...

5/3,K/8 (Item 8 from file: 350)

DIALOG(R) File 350:Derwent WPIX

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013451093 \*\*Image available\*\*

WPI Acc No: 2000-623036/200060

XRPX Acc No: N00-461842

**Money or security identification procedure for automatic vending machine, ATM, involves comparing analyzed frequency with natural frequency which is stored in database for judging authenticity of money or security**

Patent Assignee: KACHIBE M (KACH-I)

Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001

## Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
JP 2000251108	A	20000914	JP 9951847	A	19990226	200060 B

Priority Applications (No Type Date): JP 9951847 A 19990226

## Patent Details:

Patent No	Kind	Lan	Pg	Main IPC	Filing Notes
JP 2000251108	A		10	G07D-005/00	

... **procedure for automatic vending machine, ATM, involves comparing analyzed frequency with natural frequency which is stored in database for judging authenticity of money or security**

## Abstract (Basic):

... analyzed using analyzer (115) by performing Fourier expansion. The natural frequency of correct coin is **stored** in **database**. The natural frequency **stored** in **database** is compared with analyzed frequency to judge authenticity of money or security.

... For automatic vending machine, ATM, game machine, cash register etc installed in financial institution, departmental **stores**, supermarket, etc for identifying money such as gold coin, silver coin, copper coin, commemoration coin, bank note, etc and securities such as check, waybill ticket, stock certificate, credit, **gift certificate**, mortgage certificate, etc...

...The authenticity of money or securities is easily judged by comparing natural frequency **stored** in **database** with analyzed frequency. Thus, reduction in cost is achieved...

...Title Terms: **DATABASE** ;



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 WPI Acc No: 2000-422566/200036  
 Related WPI Acc No: 2001-102212  
 XRPX Acc No: N00-315365

Gift check, certificate transferring method using internet,  
 involves informing receiver about charge account opened for receiver by  
 payer as gift, so that receiver activates that account for purchase  
 Patent Assignee: C/BASE INC (CBAS-N)  
 Inventor: GILLIN M J; KORFMANN R  
 Number of Countries: 087 Number of Patents: 002  
 Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
WO 200028461	A1	20000518	WO 99US23502	A	19991013	200036 B
AU 200012018	A	20000529	AU 200012018	A	19991013	200041

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 98188810 A 19981109  
 Patent Details:

Patent No	Kind	Lan	Pg	Main IPC	Filing Notes
WO 200028461	A1	E	77	G06F-151/00	

Designated States (National): AE AL AM AT AU AZ BA BB BG BR BY CA CH CN  
 CU CZ DE DK EE ES FI GB GD GE GH GM HR HU ID IL IN IS JP KE KG KP KR KZ  
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 SK SL TJ TM TR TT TZ UA UG UZ VN YU ZA ZW

Designated States (Regional): AT BE CH CY DE DK EA ES FI FR GB GH GM GR  
 IE IT KE LS LU MC MW NL OA PT SD SE SL SZ TZ UG ZW

AU 200012018 A G06F-151/00 Based on patent WO 200028461

Gift check, certificate transferring method using internet,  
 involves informing receiver about charge account opened for receiver by  
 payer as gift, so that...

## Abstract (Basic):

... A payer demands for gift certificate, which is an indication  
 of charge account, in the name of receiver. On acquisition of  
 certificate, payer sends E-mail to receiver with selected greeting  
 and account parameter of the certificate charge account. On receiving  
 E-mail, the receiver activates the account for purchase through a  
 merchant who possesses particular infrastructure for authorizing  
 account usage.

... completed purchase, the payer settles the amount. An INDEPENDENT  
 CLAIM is also included for the gift check, certificate transferring  
 system...

...For transferring gift check, gift certificate using internet  
 for online purchase by receiver...

...As no physical certificate is issued and distributed, the whole process  
 is fully automated. The internet provides much wider advertising  
 reach at lower cost compared to print ads. The certificate issuer need  
 not establish any relationship with merchant who accepts the payment  
 from the receiver. Missing of gift or cash is prevented as...

...The figure shows the network utilized for gift transfer...

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 DIALOG(R) File 350:Derwent WPIX

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WPI Acc No: 2000-317256/200027  
XRPX Acc No: N00-238161

**Facilitating method for facilitating the redemption of electronic gift certificates**

Patent Assignee: AMAZON.COM INC (AMAZ-N); AMAZON.COM (AMAZ-N)

Inventor: VAN DUSEN K L

Number of Countries: 088    Number of Patents: 003

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
WO 200016227	A1	20000323	WO 99US20695	A	19990909	200027 B
AU 9962449	A	20000403	AU 9962449	A	19990909	200034
US 6175823	B1	20010116	US 98153632	A	19980915	200106

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 98153632 A 19980915

Patent Details:

Patent No    Kind    Lan    Pg    Main IPC    Filing Notes

WO 200016227    A1    E    22    G06F-017/60

Designated States (National): AE AL AM AT AU AZ BA BB BG BR BY CA CH CN  
CR CU CZ DE DK DM EE ES FI GB GD GE GH GM HR HU ID IL IN IS JP KE KG KP  
KR KZ LC LK LR LS LT LU LV MD MG MK MN MW MX NO NZ PL PT RO RU SD SE SG  
SI SK SL TJ TM TR TT UA UG UZ VN YU ZA ZW

Designated States (Regional): AT BE CH CY DE DK EA ES FI FR GB GH GM GR  
IE IT KE LS LU MC MW NL OA PT SD SE SL SZ UG ZW

AU 9962449    A    G06F-017/60    Based on patent WO 200016227

US 6175823    B1    G06F-017/60

**Facilitating method for facilitating the redemption of electronic gift certificates**

Abstract (Basic):

...    An e-mail document is generated and transmitted to a recipient in response to the electronic submission of a gift certificate order form. The e-mail document includes a hyperlink which is selectable by the recipient to automatically redeem the gift certificate. The information which identifies the recipient and the monetary amount is obtained by the selection...

...    a) a network site which provides functionality for purchasing and redeeming electronic gift certificates over a computer network ;  
    (...

...b) and a method for redeeming an electronic gift certificate issued by an on-line merchant .  
    ...

...For facilitating the redemption of electronic gift certificates .  
    Used in electronic commerce...

...enter the claim code, thus the redemption process is simpler and more efficient for the gift certificate recipient. Eliminates the risk that a user will submit an erroneous claim code. Eliminates the necessity for the recipient to retain the gift certificate code until the time of purchase. Reduces the likelihood that the claim code will be...

...The figure shows the flowchart of the automated redemption process for electronic gift certificate .

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...Title Terms: **ELECTRONIC** ;

**5/3,K/11 (Item 11 from file: 350)**  
 DIALOG(R) File 350:Derwent WPIX  
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012347125 \*\*Image available\*\*  
 WPI Acc No: 1999-153232/199913  
 XRPX Acc No: N99-110505

**Internet printer terminal for production of composite greeting card**  
 Patent Assignee: SPECTOR D (SPEC-I)  
 Inventor: SPECTOR D  
 Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001  
 Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
US 5870718	A	19990209	US 96607345	A	19960226	199913 B

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 96607345 A 19960226

Patent Details:

Patent No	Kind	Lan Pg	Main IPC	Filing Notes
US 5870718	A	5	G06F-017/00	

**Internet printer terminal for production of composite greeting card**

Abstract (Basic):

... Data to be entered on **gift certificate** is selected by surfing greeting **stores** (A,B,C) which are connected to the **internet**. The payment for the certificate is done over the **internet** through a credit card. The composite greeting card comprising the greeting card and certificate is...

... card is downloaded in a computer (12) from a greeting card software (15) and a **gift certificate** from a **gift certificate** software (16...

...User does not have to go to a **shop** to select from a range of cards and gift items hence reducing physical constraints. Mode...

...The figure shows block diagram of computer printer terminal linked with **internet**.

...**Gift certificate** software (16...

...Greeting card **stores** (A-C

**5/3,K/12 (Item 12 from file: 350)**  
 DIALOG(R) File 350:Derwent WPIX  
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012336141 \*\*Image available\*\*  
 WPI Acc No: 1999-142248/199912  
 XRPX Acc No: N99-103375

**Digitally controlled document dispenser**  
 Patent Assignee: STANDARD REGISTER CO (STRR )  
 Inventor: KELLEY L E; KING J H; LADUE P G  
 Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001  
 Patent Family:

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US 5867394 A 19990202 US 96609507 A 19960301 199912 B

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 96609507 A 19960301

Patent Details:

Patent No	Kind	Lan	Pg	Main IPC	Filing Notes
US 5867394	A		8	G06F-019/00	

Abstract (Basic):

... The dispenser has an internal operational program storage (22) which **stores** a first document dispenser operational program. An internal **digital** controller (12) **stores** a second document dispenser operational program received at a **digital** data input port (20) to be **stored** in the program storage and controls a document printer according to the input document variables data based on the **stored** first and second document dispenser operational programs.

... For dispensing money orders, cashiers checks, **gift certificate**, security documents, data reports and other documents requiring selection and placement of printed indicia...

...**Digital** controller 12

Title Terms: **DIGITAL** ;

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DIALOG(R)File 350:Derwent WPIX  
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011970453 \*\*Image available\*\*

WPI Acc No: 1998-387363/199833

XRPX Acc No: N98-302091

**Document dispenser for issuing financial document - controls electronic access to first and second security levels when valid passcode is entered and physically transportable security key is detected respectively**

Patent Assignee: STANDARD REGISTER CO (STRR )

Inventor: HARRISON W V; KELLEY L E; KING J H; LADUE P G

Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
US 5774365	A	19980630	US 96637129	A	19960424	199833 B

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 96637129 A 19960424

Patent Details:

Patent No	Kind	Lan	Pg	Main IPC	Filing Notes
US 5774365	A		48	G06F-017/60	

... **controls electronic access to first and second security levels when valid passcode is entered and physically transportable...**

...Abstract (Basic): receiver detects the presence of valid physically transportable security key. The security controller controls the **electronic** access to first security level by permitting dispenser operation in first security level when a...

...The security controller controls **electronic** access to several security levels by permitting dispenser operation in second security level when valid...

...USE - E.g cashier's cheque, money order, personal cheque, **business** cheque, **gift certificates**.

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...Title Terms: **ELECTRONIC** ;

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 WPI Acc No: 1992-331938/199240  
 Related WPI Acc No: 1996-171094; 1997-393026  
 XRPX Acc No: N92-253514

Gift certificate generating and dispensing appts. - enables user to select retailer from menu and enter gift value then verifies credit card, debits account and prints certificate  
 Patent Assignee: GIFT CERTIFICATE CENT INC (GIFT-N)  
 Inventor: ALEXANDER K J; BROOKS P R; DOYLE T J; HAMILTON R H; VEENEMAN W J  
 Number of Countries: 019 Number of Patents: 006  
 Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
WO 9215968	A1	19920917	WO 92US1187	A	19920212	199240 B
AU 9215774	A	19921006	AU 9215774	A	19920212	199301
			WO 92US1187	A	19920212	
US 5243174	A	19930907	US 91664930	A	19910305	199337
EP 574529	A1	19931222	EP 92908612	A	19920212	199351
			WO 92US1187	A	19920212	
AU 649934	B	19940602	AU 9215774	A	19920212	199427
JP 6505582	W	19940623	JP 92508156	A	19920212	199429
			WO 92US1187	A	19920212	

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 91760875 A 19910916; US 91664930 A 19910305

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WO 9215968	A1	E	62	B	
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AU 9215774	A			B	Based on patent WO 9215968
US 5243174	A		27	B	
EP 574529	A1	E	2	B	Based on patent WO 9215968
					Designated States (Regional): DE FR GB IT NL SE
AU 649934	B			B	Previous Publ. patent AU 9215774
					Based on patent WO 9215968
JP 6505582	W			B	Based on patent WO 9215968

Gift certificate generating and dispensing appts...

...enables user to select retailer from menu and enter gift value then verifies credit card, debits account and prints certificate

...Abstract (Basic): 10) and inserts a credit card into a magnetic reader (16). The consumer chooses a **retailer** from a menu of participating **retailers** and enters the **gift certificate** value. The machine automatically verifies the credit card **causes** the account to be debited and prints the **gift certificate** (200...

...A number of **gift certificate** dispensing devices (10.1....10.N) can be connected in a **network** under the control of a cpn. Information regarding **gift certificate** purchases is transferred from the devices to the cpu to be controlled and billed to credit card accounts. The cpu also informs **merchants** of the purchase of **gift**

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**certificates** that will be redeemed at their stores .

...Abstract (Equivalent): device and inserts a credit card into a magnetic card reader. The consumer chooses a **retailer** from a menu of participating **retailers** and enters the **gift certificate** value. The machine automatically verifies the credit card, **causes** the account to be debited and prints the **gift certificate** .

...

...Multiple **gift certificate** dispensing devices can be connected in a **network** under the control of a central processing unit. Information regarding **gift certificate** purchases is transferred from the devices to the central processing unit to be collated and billed to credit card accounts. The central processing unit also informs **merchants** of the purchase of **gift certificates** that will be redeemed at their stores .

...

...USE - **Electronic gift certificate** dispenser for printing and dispensing a **gift certificate** purchased by a credit card

...Title Terms: **RETAIL** ;

5/3,K/15 (Item 1 from file: 347)

DIALOG(R) File 347:JAPIO

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05670821 \*\*Image available\*\*  
GAME PRIZE EXCHANGE SYSTEM

PUB. NO.: 09-285621 [JP 9285621 A]

PUBLISHED: November 04, 1997 (19971104)

INVENTOR(s): INOUE MICHIO

SAKAI KATSUMI

APPLICANT(s): DAITO M II KK [000000] (A Japanese Company or Corporation),  
JP (Japan)

INOUE MICHIO [000000] (An Individual), JP (Japan)

APPL. NO.: 08-105497 [JP 96105497]

FILED: April 25, 1996 (19960425)

...JAPIO CLASS: **Business Machines**;-45.3 (INFORMATION PROCESSING

ABSTRACT

... with an automatic buying control means to deliver cash to a delivery port, and a **network** terminal to output a signal to determine exchange for goods...

... 1, and a prize card 4 in which money amount data, etc., corresponding thereto is **stored** is issued. When the prize card 4 is to be exchanged for cash, the prize card 4 is inserted into an automatic **gift card** buying machine and the money amount data, etc., are read out from the prize card

...

...4 is to be exchanged for goods, the prize card 4 is inserted into a **network** terminal 3, and, by selecting a good within the read out money amount by a player, a signal to determine the exchange for the good is outputted to the **network** to deliver the good to the player's home, etc., via a **virtual shop** on the **network** .

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05401943 \*\*Image available\*\*

**GIFT CARD COUNTER**

PUB. NO.: 09-016743 [JP 9016743 A]

PUBLISHED: January 17, 1997 (19970117)

INVENTOR(s): KANO CHIYUKI

APPLICANT(s): NIPPON T M I KK [490608] (A Japanese Company or Corporation),  
JP (Japan)

APPL. NO.: 07-162726 [JP 95162726]

FILED: June 29, 1995 (19950629)

**GIFT CARD COUNTER**

JAPIO KEYWORD:R002 (LASERS); R116 (ELECTRONIC MATERIALS...

ABSTRACT

PURPOSE: To provide a **gift card counter** by which the number of colored **gift cards** can automatically, efficiently and further exactly be counted...

...CONSTITUTION: A **gift card counter** 1 is provided with a card storage part 2 for storing colored **gift cards** 3 in the state of overlapping them in the thickness-wise direction, carriage 4 to be moved in the thickness-wise direction of **gift card** along the side surface of colored **gift cards** stored in this card storage part 2, photosensors 12R, 12B and 12S for detecting the red...

... carried by this carriage 4, and counting means 20 for counting the number of colored **gift cards** 3 stored in the card storage part 2 based on the outputs of these photosensors. When any color is designated by an input part and the **gift card** in the different color is detected, the carriage 4 is stopped. The carriage 4 is...

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05151062 \*\*Image available\*\*

**CASH DISPENSER AND GIFT CARD TO BE USED FOR THIS**

PUB. NO.: 08-106562 [JP 8106562 A]

PUBLISHED: April 23, 1996 (19960423)

INVENTOR(s): HANEDA TAKUYA

OKUBO HITOHIRO

APPLICANT(s): KOKUSAI MEDEIKOMU KK [000000] (A Japanese Company or Corporation), JP (Japan)

APPL. NO.: 06-239954 [JP 94239954]

FILED: October 04, 1994 (19941004)

**CASH DISPENSER AND GIFT CARD TO BE USED FOR THIS**

...JAPIO CLASS: **Business Machines**; 30.1 (MISCELLANEOUS GOODS

JAPIO KEYWORD:R009 (HOLOGRAPHY); R116 (ELECTRONIC MATERIALS...

ABSTRACT

PURPOSE: To provide a cash dispenser discriminating the **gift card** issued at a Japanese pin ball game (PACHINKO) shop and automatically

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paying the amount of money written in the card...

... with a hologram reader 4 and a magnetic stripe reader 5, a sorter 6 sorting **gift cards** according to amount of money according to the amount of money read by the card reader, a card stacker 7 according to denominations storing the **gift cards** sorted by the sorter, and a paper money discharge device 11, a coin discharge device...

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DIALOG(R)File 347:JAPIO  
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04791262 \*\*Image available\*\*  
IMAGE DISCRIMINATION DEVICE

PUB. NO.: 07-083862 [JP 7083862 A]  
PUBLISHED: March 31, 1995 (19950331)  
INVENTOR(s): TAKEMOTO TAKESHI  
KIMURA TAKASHI  
APPLICANT(s): RICOH CO LTD [000674] (A Japanese Company or Corporation), JP  
(Japan)  
APPL. NO.: 05-186231 [JP 93186231]  
FILED: July 28, 1993 (19930728)

...JAPIO CLASS: **Business Machines**); 45.9 (INFORMATION PROCESSING  
JAPIO KEYWORD:R002 (LASERS); R116 (**ELECTRONIC MATERIALS**...

ABSTRACT

... an accurate a discrimination as to whether securities (printed matter) such as a note, a **gift certificate**, a stamp and a postage stamp are authentic or formed out of toner used in a dry **electronic** photograph, as well as capable of realizing simple constitution and an inexpensive and portable structure...

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03733392 \*\*Image available\*\*  
**ELECTRONIC CASH REGISTER**

PUB. NO.: 04-098492 [JP 4098492 A]  
PUBLISHED: March 31, 1992 (19920331)  
INVENTOR(s): UMEKAGE NOBUTAKA  
APPLICANT(s): MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC IND CO LTD [000582] (A Japanese Company or Corporation), JP (Japan)  
APPL. NO.: 02-213943 [JP 90213943]  
FILED: August 13, 1990 (19900813)  
JOURNAL: Section: P, Section No. 1389, Vol. 16, No. 333, Pg. 40, July 20, 1992 (19920720)

**ELECTRONIC CASH REGISTER**  
...JAPIO CLASS: **Business Machines**)

ABSTRACT

...card, and the rest of the purchasing amount can be paid in cash or using **gift certificates**. Thus, necessity for a customer to carry small change with him can be eliminated and...



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03423664 \*\*Image available\*\*

**GIFT CERTIFICATE ISSUANCE AND LIQUIDATION SYSTEM**

PUB. NO.: 03-086564 [JP 3086564 A]  
PUBLISHED: April 11, 1991 (19910411)  
INVENTOR(s): HASHIMOTO KOICHI  
OGINO MASAMI  
NAKAMURA MINORU  
KOIKE AKIHITO  
MURAYAMA FUMIAKI  
APPLICANT(s): GLORY LTD [420874] (A Japanese Company or Corporation), JP  
(Japan)  
APPL. NO.: 01-224001 [JP 89224001]  
FILED: August 30, 1989 (19890830)  
JOURNAL: Section: M, Section No. 1131, Vol. 15, No. 260, Pg. 89, July  
02, 1991 (19910702)

**GIFT CERTIFICATE ISSUANCE AND LIQUIDATION SYSTEM**

...JAPIO CLASS: **Business Machines**)

**ABSTRACT**

... to eliminate the need for antitheft measures by a method wherein the value of a **gift certificate** is not applied before the issuance of the **gift certificate**, mechanically readable data is **stored** in the **gift certificate** per se, and data from a **gift certificate** issuance machine and a **gift certificate** liquidation machine are collated by a central processing unit...

...CONSTITUTION: The system is equipped with a **gift certificate** issuance machine 10 issuing **gift certificate**. After a **gift certificate** 30 issued from the machine 10 is circulated outside a store, a non-cash sale processing is conducted by an **electronic register** 40. The data is inputted to a **gift certificate** liquidation machine 50. Issuance data in the **gift certificate** issuance machine 10 and liquidation data in the **gift certificate** liquidation machine 50 are transmitted through a communication line 60 to be inputted to a host computer 200 provided in a central processing center. The host computer 200 **stores** all **gift certificate** issuance states in each store and erases the data at the time of issuance on the basis of the liquidation data transmitted from the **gift certificate** liquidation machine 50.

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File 348:EUROPEAN PATENTS 1978-2001/May W02

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File 349:PCT Fulltext 1983-2001/UB=20010607, UT=20010531

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Set	Items	Description
S1	228	GIFT()CERTIFICATE? OR GIFT()CHECK? OR CONTRIBUTION()BROKER? OR WEBCERTIFICATE? OR E-GIFT? OR GIFT()CARD?
S2	30	S1(2N) (ELECTRONIC OR ON()LINE OR ONLINE OR WWW OR WEB OR - WORLD()WIDE()WEB OR INTERNET)
S3	18	S1(2N) (WEBSITE ? OR DIGITAL OR NET OR NETWORK? OR CYBER OR VIRTUAL OR DIGITI? OR DATABASE? OR E()COMMERCE OR E()MAIL OR E()TAIL? OR ECOMMERCE)
S4	11	(S2 OR S3) (15N) (CREDIT()CARD? OR PURCHASE()TRANSACTION? - OR BROKER? OR ACCOUNT? OR AUTHENTICAT? OR PIN OR PERSONAL()ID- ENTIFICATION()NUMBER? )
S5	36	S2 OR S3 OR S4
S6	21	(S2 OR S3) (15N) (MERCHANT? OR STORE? OR SHOP? OR RETAIL? OR MALL OR MALLS OR MARKETPLACE OR OUTLET? OR RESELLER? OR CHAR- ITY OR CHARITIES OR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION OR ORGANISATION? - OR BUSINESS? OR POLITICAL OR CAUSE OR CAUSES)
S7	36	S2 OR S3 OR S4 OR S6
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**METHOD FOR TRANSFERRING, RECEIVING AND UTILIZING ELECTRONIC GIFT  
CERTIFICATES**  
**PROCEDE PERMETTANT DE TRANSFERER, DE RECEVOIR ET D'UTILISER DES CERTIFICATS  
DE CADEAU ELECTRONIQUES**

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APPLICATION (CC, No, Date): WO 910215 000217; WO 00US4061 000217

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LANGUAGE (Publication,Procedural,Application): English; English; English

**METHOD FOR TRANSFERRING, RECEIVING AND UTILIZING ELECTRONIC GIFT  
CERTIFICATES**

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**ELECTRONIC GIFT CERTIFICATE SYSTEM**  
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**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SENDING MONEY VIA E-MAIL OVER THE INTERNET**  
**SYSTEME ET PROCEDE PERMETTANT D'ENVOYER DE L'ARGENT PAR COURRIER  
ELECTRONIQUE VIA L'INTERNET**

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Detailed Description

... including an electronic greeting card with e-mail when desired by the  
customer, and a **merchant** or **gift certificate web** site 30 for 6  
providing **electronic gift certificates** and/or goods for **electronic  
gift certificates** .

7 The main station 14 of the money-mailing system 10 preferably ...but  
alternatively can be in direct communication with the web 19 database 36.  
20 The **merchant** or **gift certificate web** site 30 is a **business**  
partner providing a service 21 such as providing goods or services to be  
purchased with the money or providing **electronic 22 gift  
certificates** with the money for later purchase of goods or services. The  
illustrated 23 merchant or **gift certificate web** site 30 is in  
direct communication with the web server 32 24 via a secure...the  
illustrated embodiment, the sender 16 is also given the opportunity to  
send an 19 **electronic gift certificate** to the receiver 18. If the  
sender chooses to send an **electronic gift certificate** , they can  
select a **merchant** or **merchants** where the **electronic gift  
certificate** can 21 be used to purchase goods or services. Links can be  
provided to the **merchant** site 30 or a 22 clearinghouse site 30 for gift  
certificates It is noted that...

...It is noted that the money-mailing method can alternatively be initiated  
from the 26 **merchant** or **gift certificate web** site 30. While at  
the **merchant** or gift certificate site 28, the 27 customer is asked if  
they would like to...

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Detailed Description

Claims

English Abstract

...choose the form, face value(s), and quantity of the gift  
certificate(s); a template **database** for **gift certificates** which  
provides a variety of gift certificate samples for selection by the gift  
certificate purchaser...

Detailed Description

... the format, the face value, the layout design of the gift certificate,  
select the applicable **merchants** to whom the gift certificate can be  
applied, and then order issuance of the customized **gift certificate** ,  
**online** from a distant place.

BACKGROUND ART

Generally, a gift certificate refers to a fixed amount...a system and  
method for issuing custom-made gift certificates which allows purchasers  
of the **gift certificate** to make **online** orders of such customized  
gift certificates with ease.

In order to achieve the above objectives, the present invention  
introduces a system and method for issuing custom-made **gift**  
**certificates online** . A custom-made gift ...of the gift certificate.  
When a purchaser orders a gift certificate in this way, the **gift**  
**certificate** ordered **online** is printed by a printing system **erti I I I**  
linked to the computer system...provided, and not allowed to design a  
gift certificate.

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The gift certificate issuing system 300 **stores** a variety of design samples in (templates) for general order-type service in its **database**.

The **gift certificate** issuing, system 300 allows the purchaser 100 to select either one of the method the...

Claim

... value, and quantity of the gift certificate when the purchaser has accessed said system; a **gift certificate** template **database** which **stores** a multiple of gift certificate samples

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**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ACCUMULATING INDIVIDUAL GIFTS TO CREATE A GROUP GIFT  
SYSTEME ET PROCEDE DE COLLECTE DE CADEAUX INDIVIDUELS POUR EN FAIRE UN  
CADEAU DE GROUPE**

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Detailed Description  
Claims

Detailed Description

... is described in detail at "http://www.flooz.com," merely allows an individual to purchase, **online**, a **gift certificate** and have the "Flooz" service deliver the gift certificate directly to the recipient. Unfortunately, that...at any of several online vendors. For example, the recipient 123 may navigate to a **shopping** page (not shown) and exchange the **digital gift certificate** for items made available online by

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vendors with a **business** relationship with the service provider 10 1.

Alternatively, the gift certificate may be any form...

Claim

... gift certificate to said recipient.

12. The computer-implemented method of Claim 11, wherein said **gift certificate** is an **electronic** voucher that said recipient may redeem in exchange for goods or services.

13. The computer...recipient of said group gift.

21. The computer-implemented method of claim 20, wherein said **gift certificate** is an **electronic** voucher.

22. The computer-implemented method of claim 20, wherein said gift certificate is a...

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**GATEWAY TO TRANSACTION PROCESSING NETWORK**  
**PASSERELLE VERS UN RESEAU DE TRAITEMENT DE TRANSACTIONS**

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... one's batch file. This counts the number of terminal based settlements

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initiated from the merchant .

EGC: Number of **Electronic Gift Certificates** or **Electronic Cash**  
Rebates that have been processed.

The event window 280 displays only high level events...

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**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ADVERTISING AND SOFTWARE THEREFOR**  
**TECHNIQUE ET DISPOSITIF UTILISES A DES FINS PUBLICITAIRES ET LOGICIEL**  
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... The Zone Club - affinity group program for registered users providing  
discounted products and services including **e-commerce gift**  
**certificates** .

Links - to professional associations and unions; public sector entities;  
**political** think tanks; and other search engines and resource centers.

Elected Officials Corner - including different types...travel discounts,  
merchandise discounts, promotional goods & services, a virtual credit  
union, possibly a private label **credit** card and **e-commerce gift**  
**certificates** .

Smart Cards or Purchasing Cards - either as a private label in  
partnership with a financial...catalogs - financial services - travel  
discounts - merchandise discounts - promotional goods and services credit



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union private label **credit card e-commerce gift certificates**  
Financial Services:

- municipal bond market bulletin board
- reports of recent bond sales
- calendar of upcoming...

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**METHOD OF CONDUCTING AN ON-LINE GIFT EXCHANGE**

**PROCEDE PERMETTANT DE REALISER UN ECHANGE DE CADEAUX EN LIGNE**

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... different address than the billing address, i.e., the recipient's  
address. A few offer **digital gift certificates** for a specific  
monetary denomination and are treated as cash in a purchase. These sites  
...

...of ordering the item.

Other web sites (e.g., Le.Z., giftpoint.com and giftcertificates.com), sell  
**retail gift certificates** over the Internet. The web sites offer  
an option whereby a gift giver buys a dollar- denominated **digital gift**  
**certificate** that is sent via e-mail or surface mail. The recipient  
then accesses the **gift certificate web** site and converts the  
digital dollar denominated certificate into **retail** dollar denominated  
gift certificate(s) of their choice.

Finally, certain web sites (eg., flooz.com...

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...web sites allow the recipient to have any input in the selection of the gift. **Gift certificate** and **electronic** currency web sites require that the recipient search through the web sites of other e...

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**ELECTRONIC COMMERCE SYSTEM FOR REFERENCING REMOTE COMMERCE SITES AT A LOCAL COMMERCE SITE**

**SYSTEME DE COMMERCE ELECTRONIQUE PERMETTANT DE REFERENCER DES SITES DE COMMERCE DISTANTS A L'ECHELON D'UN SITE DE COMMERCE LOCAL**

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Detailed Description

Detailed Description

... a command within the processed client request to create a gift certificate entry in a **gift certificate database** in the remote merchant site.

In a specific embodiment, in performing the function corresponding to and in place of...processed client request, the service integrator creates a universal gift certificate entry in a universal **gift certificate database** in the local commerce site if the processed client request includes a command to create a gift certificate entry in a **gift certificate database** in the remote merchant site.

Content Transforming a Response

In an embodiment of the present invention, content transformer 240...

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**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IDENTIFYING POTENTIAL BUYERS**

**PROCEDE ET APPAREIL PERMETTANT D'IDENTIFIER DES ACHETEURS POTENTIELS**

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Detailed Description

Detailed Description

... the reward may be delivered.

Alternatively, the buyer may be directed to an e-commerce merchant 's  
Web page and provided with an electronic gift certificate  
redeemable for the selected reward.

Figure 9 is a process flowchart illustrating an example embodiment...

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PROCEDES ET SYSTEMES POUR ACCEPTER ET ECHANGER PAR VOIE ELECTRONIQUE UN  
CADEAU EN LIGNE

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Detailed Description

English Abstract

...whether to accept or exchange the gift. If the gift is to be  
exchanged, an **electronic gift certificate** is generated and another  
gift may be selected or different kinds of actual gift certificates...

Detailed Description

... to physically return the gift to the vendor in exchange for another  
gift or a **gift certificate**.

In the **electronic** or online gift **marketplace**, the gift giver is no  
longer required to physically travel from **store** to store. As a result,  
the gift giving process has become a bit easier in...whether to accept or  
exchange the gift. If the gift is to be exchanged, an **electronic gift  
certificate** is generated and ...gift item from the same vendor, a  
replacement gift item from different vendor or an **electronic gift  
certificate** from one or more vendors. If additional information is  
requested by the recipient, web server...

...local memory or request such information from one of the database  
servers 436a 436b.

An **electronic gift certificate** is essentially an electronic  
representation for an actual gift certificate that will be mailed out...

...to exchange this for an actual product, the gift server computer system  
330 generates an **electronic gift certificate** and then allows the  
recipient to select the replacement gift from one of the many other  
vendors associated with the system 330. In this manner, the **electronic  
gift certificate** is similar to a form of currency or payment. If the  
replacement gift costs less than the original gift, another **electronic  
gift certificate** is generated for the difference amount. Furthermore,  
the recipient is able to designate if only...selected to exchange the

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gift, step 528 proceeds to step 530. At step 530, an **electronic gift certificate** is generated and presented to the recipient. At step 532, if the recipient uses the **electronic gift certificate** to select or purchase a replacement gift item in the current online session, step 532 ...

...replacement gift item is for a lesser cost than the initially selected gift, then another **electronic gift certificate** may be generated and redeemed in a customized manner. This allows the recipient to select...

...gift certificate to issue from a vendor), step 532 proceeds to step 534 where the **electronic gift certificate** is stored in memory until the recipient's next session or connection with the gift server computer ...

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**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SURROGATE CONTROL OF NETWORK-BASED ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS**

**PROCEDE ET APPAREIL PERMETTANT LA COMMANDE AUXILIAIRE DE TRANSACTIONS ELECTRONIQUES EN RESEAU**

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English Abstract

...to shop at online merchant sites. Upon opening an account within the

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surrogate system, the **account** can be funded using numerous fund sources, for example credit cards, checking amounts, money orders, **gift certificates**, incentive codes, **online** currency, coupons, and **stored** value cards. A user with a funded **account** can **shop** at numerous merchant web sites through the surrogate system. When merchandise is selected for purchase...

### Detailed Description

... to shop at online merchant sites.

Upon opening an account within the surrogate system, the **account** can be funded using numerous fund sources, for example credit cards, checking accounts, money orders, **gift certificates**, incentive codes, **online** currency, coupons, and **stored** value cards. A user with a funded **account** can **shop** at numerous merchant web sites through the surrogate system using a typical client computer World...issued. Gift certificate issuance includes creating and storing a gift certificate in the surrogate system **database**. The **gift certificate** includes a sixteen character alpha-numeric string that is unique across the space of all... surrogate system verifies that: the gift certificate code is valid when compared against the code **stored** in the surrogate system **database**; and, the **gift certificate** has not already been redeemed. If the gift certificate is valid and has not been...

### Claim

... one fund source selected from a group 4 consisting of credit cards, checks, money orders, **gift certificates**, incentives, **online electronic** currency, Automatic Teller Machines, and **stored** value cards.

1 4. The method of claim 3, wherein funding using online electronic 2...4 one funding source selected from a group consisting of credit cards, checks, money orders, **gift certificates**, incentives, **online electronic** currency, Automatic 6 Teller Machines, and **stored** value cards.

1 18. The system of claim 17, wherein funding using online electronic 2 ...one fund source selected from a group 4 consisting of credit cards, checks, money orders, **gift certificates**, incentives, **online electronic** currency, Automatic Teller Machines, and **stored** value cards.

1 31. The device of ...one fund source selected 4 from a group consisting of credit cards, checks, money orders, **gift certificates**, incentives, **online electronic** currency, Automatic Teller Machines, and **stored** 6 value cards, wherein funding using online electronic currency includes 7 determining a plurality of...one fund source selected 4 from a group consisting of credit cards, checks, money orders, **gift certificates**, incentives, **online electronic** currency, Automatic Teller Machines, and **stored** 6 value cards, wherein funding using online electronic currency includes 7 determining a plurality of...

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COMPACT DISC AUTHENTICATION SYSTEM AND METHOD  
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## English Abstract

...typing operation of needed information is reduced. In the CD EC system, the computer outputs **authentication** information **stored** on the CD to request for an EC, and an **electronic gift certificate database** managing unit **stores** money information per **authentication** information and outputs a **business** permission or prohibition message, and a **shopping mall** database managing unit provides the **authentication** information to the **electronic gift certificate database** managing unit to check the permission of the corresponding **business**, and when the **business** is permitted, computes and stores the money information on the corresponding commodity in response to...

## Detailed Description

... aspect of the present invention, a CID electronic commerce (EC) system comprises a CID storing **authentication** information; an **electronic gift certificate database** (DB) managing unit storing money information per **authentication** information that has permission of EC and outputting a business permission or prohibition message; and a **shopping mall** DB managing unit providing the authentication information to the **electronic gift certificate database** (DB) managing unit from the CID so as to check the permission of the corresponding **business**, and when the **business** is permitted, updating the money information per **authentication** information of the **electronic gift certificate database** managing unit by using the money information requested for the corresponding goods, and permitting a...

...b), and reading the authentication information when the CID is inserted;  
(d) comparing the read **authentication** information with the money information per **authentication** information **stored** in an **electronic gift certificate database** managing unit to check the normality, and

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when either of the two information is not...detailed flow chart of an example of the EC using a CID that is an **electronic gift certificate** as shown in FIG. 6.

### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

In the following detailed...user computer 200 having multimedia functions, and an EC managing unit 300 that includes an **electronic gift certificate** DB managing unit 310 and a **shopping** mail DIB managing unit 320.

The CID 100 includes information on the authentication. The information ...

...who manage the EC managing unit 300, and the issued information is managed by the **electronic gift certificate** DB managing unit 310.

At this time, the information on the **authentication** is **stored** in an area where user cannot access when a unique ID is issued for each CID that is the **electronic gift certificate**.

The user computer 200 receives the information on the **authentication** from the CID 100 to convert into network instructions, and outputs the network instructions to...

...computer 200 is equipped with multimedia functions, internet connection functions, and CD-ROM driver.

The **electronic gift certificate** DB managing unit 310 is equipped with information on the money per information on the **authentication** to check permission of the EC. In detail, the **electronic gift certificate** DB managing unit 310 has information on the money per information on the **authentication** provided by those who manage the shopping mall DB managing unit 320. The information on...

...money per specific CD.

The shopping mall DB managing unit 320 receives information on the **authentication** provided via the user computer 200 and provides the information to the **electronic gift certificate** DB managing unit 310 to check a qualification of a buyer who wants the EC...

...permits a purchase of corresponding goods, and provides corresponding information on the money to the **electronic gift certificate** DB managing unit 310.

A case where only the information on the **authentication** was contained in the CD has been discussed, however, when the CD is released, it...  
...the password via the communication networks such as the internet, encrypts the information on the **authentication** and the password so as to prohibit violation of use of the **electronic gift certificate**.

The **electronic** catalog function configures various information on the EC goods with moving pictures, sounds, voices, photographs...shopping mall DB managing unit 320 provides a request for buying the commodity and the **authentication** information to the **electronic gift certificate** DB managing unit 310, which then checks whether or not the **authentication** information in the step s160 is normal in step s170.

In more detail, the **electronic gift certificate** DB managing unit 310 compares the **authentication** information provided in response to the



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request by the buyer with the installed information on...

...used as a payment means.

When the authentication information is normal in step s170, the **shopping mall** DB managing unit 320 permits the corresponding EC in step s1 90, and the **electronic gift certificate** DB managing unit 310 **stores** the money difference between the paid money information and the recorded money information, and the...  
...goes to the step s1 20 in step s1 95.

Furthermore, money information can be **stored** on the CID including the **authentication** information to be used as the **electronic gift certificate**.

The **shopping mall** DB managing unit provides the electronic catalog to the buyer via the internet. However, considering...then provided to the shopping mall DB managing unit 320 in step s260. The shopping mall DB managing unit 320 provides the commodity buying request and the **authentication** information to the **electronic gift certificate** DB managing unit 310, which then checks whether or not the information in the step s260 is normal or bad in step s270.

In more detail, the **electronic gift certificate** DB managing unit 310, in response to the buying request, compares the **stored** money information per authentication information with the authentication information provided through the shopping mall DB...

...hand, when the status of the authentication is normal in the step s270, the **shopping mall** DB managing unit 320 permits a corresponding **business** in step s290, and the **electronic gift certificate** DB managing unit 310 **stores** the money difference between the paid money corresponding to the **business** and the stored money, and the process goes to the step s220 in step s295...

...using a CD.

Referring to FIGs. 3 and 8, when the CD that is the **electronic gift certificate** is inserted into the CD-ROM driver of the user computer in step s300, the...

...to the internet in step s330, and in the on-line status, information on the **electronic gift certificate** ID and selected commodities is transferred to a commodity information DB in the **shopping mall** host computer in step s340.

The shopping mall DB managing unit 320 receives information on... commodity information DB and checks stock status of the corresponding commodities in step s350.

The **shopping mall** DB managing unit 320 receives information on the **electronic gift certificate** ID and left money from the user computer and compares the received information with an **authentication** information data DB in step s360, and when the comparison result is identical, a password...

...DB managing unit 320 compares the encrypted password with the password of the corresponding user **stored** in the **electronic gift certificate** DB managing unit in step s400, and when the comparison result is identical, the corresponding **business** is permitted in step

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s410.

The shopping mall DB managing unit 320 in the response...

...managing unit 320 provides the information on the price of the buying commodity to the **electronic gift certificate** DB managing unit 310, which modifies the information on the left money of the corresponding commodity in step s440 and **stores** information on the modified left money to a **business** record file. At this time, the **electronic gift certificate** DB managing unit 310 **stores** the information on the corresponding **electronic gift certificate** ID, buying commodity, buying date, and other things to back up the executed **business** in step s450.

Furthermore, when the CID is readable and writable, the modified money information...

Claim

... CID case.

3. A compact disc (CID) electronic commerce (EC) system, comprising:

a CID storing **authentication** information; an **electronic gift certificate database** (DB) managing unit storing money information per **authentication** information that has permission of EC and outputting a business permission or prohibition message; and a **shopping mall** DB managing unit providing the authentication information to the **electronic gift certificate database** (DB) managing unit from the CID so as to check the permission of the corresponding **business**, and when the **business** is permitted, updating the money information per **authentication** information of the **electronic gift certificate database** managing unit by using the money information requested for the corresponding goods, and permitting corresponding **business** according to the money information.

4. The system of claim 3, wherein the CID further...and is reading the authentication information when the CID is inserted; (d) comparing the read **authentication** information with the money information per authentication information stored in an **electronic gift certificate database** managing unit to check the normality, and when either of the two information is not...

...the CID.

15. The method of claim 13, wherein the step (d) compares the read **authentication** information with the money information per authentication information installed in an **electronic gift certificate database** managing unit.

16. A compact disc (CID) payment method, comprising the steps of:

(a) checking...

...the CID when there is a request in the step (a); (c) comparing the read **authentication** information with the money information per authentication information stored in an **electronic gift certificate database** managing unit to check badness of the information, and outputting a **business** prohibition message when either of the two information is bad; and (d) permitting a business...

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**SUPPLYING GREETING CARDS AND GIFT CARDS OVER A GLOBAL COMPUTER NETWORK  
ACHEMINEMENT DE CARTES DE VOEUX ET DE CARTES-PRIMES A TRAVERS UN RESEAU  
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... line), or separated and inserted separately into an envelope. For  
organizations that issue and accept **electronic gift certificates**,  
information about the e-certificate can be printed directly on the card.  
Each of these...

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**METHOD OF GENERATING AND OFFERING GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR SALE  
PROCEDE D'ELABORATION ET D'OFFRE DE CHEQUES-CADEAUX DESTINES A LA VENTE**

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... gift certificates. This method includes the steps of: offering gift certificates for sale on an **Internet** site, receiving **gift certificate** orders, and generating ordered gift certificates. The step of receiving gift certificate orders may further...messages sent to an E-mail address maintained by the server and dedicated to receiving **gift certificate** orders.

This **E-mail** address is accessible through the Internet site.

The server, which forms a part of the...

Claim

... 2. A method of selling gift certificates, comprising:

offering gift certificates for sale on an **Internet** site; receiving **gift certificate** orders; and generating ordered gift certificates.

The method Claim 2, wherein said step of receiving gift certificate orders comprises:

receiving order for **gift certificates** sent via **E mail**.

4. The method of Claim 2, further comprising:

receiving payment for the ordered certificates; and...computer communicatively connected to said server, said server maintaining an E-mail address for receiving **gift certificate** orders, said **E-mail** address being accessible through said Internet site, said second computer being operable to receive messages...

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**METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ELECTRONIC DELIVERY OF COUPONS**  
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The present invention relates generally to product and service  
merchandising through distribution of **electronic** coupons, **gift**  
**certificates** and the like.

Description of the Related Art

Recently, the computer industry has sought to...

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**SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR SHARED ELECTRONIC PURCHASING**

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... This information is then transferred to the primary buyer via primary buyer computer 12. Such **gift certificates** are "virtual " certificates that take the form of credit in the primary buyer's **account** as saved on merchant server computer 26 rather than physical certificates. once the primary buyer...

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**METHOD FOR MARKETING AND SELLING THAT MAY CONTAIN A MEMBERSHIP BUYING OPPORTUNITY**

**PROCEDE DE COMMERCIALISATION ET DE VENTE POUVANT INCLURE UN GROUPEMENT D'ACHATS EN COMMUN**

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Detailed Description

... to all Shopping Stores There are several exemplary merchandizing initiatives or functions common to all **shopping** stores. These include, but are not limited to, **electronic gift certificates**, **online** coupons, deals of the week, special promotions, cross selling and up selling.

There are also...

...offer a list of complementary products, such as softener and bleach to add to the **shopping** cart.

In one embodiment of the present invention, **electronic** or **digital gift certificates** are used to allow **shoppers** to purchase and send certificates electronically.

Preferably, certificates are available in several dollar amounts.

Some...registered shopper then proceeds to complete information such as billing, shipping, and payment information. The **shopper** also has the opportunity to redeem coupons or **digital gift certificates** on the payment information page. When a **shopper** is ready to check out, depending on the items placed in their cart, they may...sign up for site membership via, for example, the Member Sign-up process 1604, an **online gift certificate** may be offered that can be applied to future purchases. Moreover, Membership pricing 1606 allows...

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**ELECTRONIC COMMERCE TRANSACTIONS WITHIN A MARKETING SYSTEM THAT MAY CONTAIN A MEMBERSHIP BUYING OPPORTUNITY**  
**TRANSACTIONS DE COMMERCE ELECTRONIQUE DANS UN SYSTEME DE COMMERCIALISATION POUVANT INCLURE UN GROUPEMENT D'ACHATS EN COMMUN**

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## Detailed Description

... all Shopping Stores There are several exemplary merchandizing  
initiatives or functions common to all shopping stores. These  
include, but are not limited to, **electronic gift certificates**,  
**online coupons**, deals ...offer a list of complementary products, such



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as softener and bleach to add to the **shopping** cart.

In one embodiment of the present invention, **electronic** or **digital gift certificates** are used to allow **shoppers** to purchase and send certificates electronically.

Preferably, certificates are available in several dollar amounts.

Some...registered shopper then proceeds to complete information such as billing, shipping, and payment information. The **shopper** also has the opportunity to redeem coupons or **digital gift certificates** on the payment information page. When a **shopper** is ready to check out, depending on the items placed in their cart, they may...sign up for site membership via, for example, the Member Sign-up process 1604, an **online gift certificate** may be offered that can be applied to future purchases. Moreover, Membership pricing 1606 allows...

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**STORED VALUE ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATE PROCESSING**

**TRAITEMENT DE CERTIFICATS ELECTRONIQUES A VALEURS ENREGISTREES**

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... not readily available in electronic commerce for a variety of reasons.

First, for an online **merchant** to implement an **electronic gift certificate** mechanism, generally the online **merchant** is required to construct supporting software and hardware infrastructure itself, or contract for its development. This requires significant resources and time to implement. Online **merchants** would greatly benefit from an ability to add **electronic gift certificate** capability to their online **stores** or sites without incurring development costs and delays.

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Second, gift givers purchase gift certificates in...

...example of a traditional, paper based gift certificate that is redeemable at a plurality of merchants is the American Express Gift Cheque. There is a need for an electronic gift certificate mechanism that permits an online gift receiver to redeem an electronic gift certificate at any of a plurality of online merchants.

A third drawback of known gift certificates is that they cannot be used as coupons...

...at an affiliate merchant site. While various paper gift certificate approaches are available in traditional store and catalog promotions, there is a need for an online, electronic gift certificate approach that provides a certificate redeemable at single and multiple online merchant stores.

Another disadvantage of existing approaches is that once a merchant has a new consumer, the...in purchase certificate function 222, a purchaser or gift giver can purchase an electronic virtual stored value certificate, sometimes called Internet Gift Certificates ("IGC") by communicating with merchant server 108A, 10813, 108N or, in an alternate embodiment, by connecting to third party issuer...

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METHOD FOR TRANSFERRING, RECEIVING AND UTILIZING ELECTRONIC GIFT CERTIFICATES

PROCEDE PERMETTANT DE TRANSFERER, DE RECEVOIR ET D'UTILISER DES CERTIFICATS DE CADEAU ELECTRONIQUES

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METHOD FOR TRANSFERRING, RECEIVING AND UTILIZING ELECTRONIC GIFT CERTIFICATES

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### Claims

#### English Abstract

A method for transferring, receiving and utilizing an **electronic gift certificate** in which the gift certificate is generated by a giver (110), including a selection of...

#### Detailed Description

METHOD FOR TRANSFERRING, RECEIVING AND  
UTILIZING **ELECTRONIC GIFT CERTIFICATES**

#### Background of the Invention

#### Field of the Invention

The present invention is generally related to the field of transferring, receiving and utilizing **electronic gift certificates**, and more particularly, to methods for transferring, receiving and utilizing **electronic gift certificates** over the Internet.

#### Description of Related Prior Art

A conventional gift certificate is a printed piece of paper...

...to purchase an item that may not be favorably received by the intended recipient.

An e-mail **gift certificate** works much like a conventional gift certificate. It has a printed denomination value and its...

...the giver is willing to spend on the recipient. Unfortunately, the practice of giving an **electronic gift certificate** does not solve the problem since a dollar value is still associated with the certificate ...

...an object of the present invention to provide a new and improved method for transferring **electronic gift certificates** without the recipient knowing the value thereof.

It is another object of the present invention to provide a new and improved method for transferring and receiving **electronic gift certificates** without the recipient knowing or being able to readily ascertain the value thereof.

It is...

...another object of the present invention to provide a new and improved method for utilizing **electronic gift certificates** whereby the recipient is able to purchase any item displayed to the recipient. In other...the present invention to provide a new and improved method for transferring, receiving and utilizing **electronic gift certificates**.

It is yet another object of the present invention to provide a method for transferring **electronic gift certificates** with denominations associated with the gift certificates while enabling the recipient to purchase items of...

...order to attain these objects, and others, the method for transferring, receiving and utilizing an **electronic gift certificate** comprises the steps of the giver generating a gift certificate including the value

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thereof, transmitting...claims.

Fig. 1 is a flow chart of a method for transferring, receiving and utilizing **electronic gift certificates** in accordance with the invention; Fig. 2 is a flow chart of a method for...

...in accordance with the invention. The method begins when a giver decides to send an **electronic gift certificate** using the method in accordance with the invention. The giver would access a web site...the value of the gift certificate.

The recipient would open his or her e-mail **account** and receive the denomination free (animated) **e-mail gift certificate** (box 18). When ready to use the gift certificate, the recipient would click on the ...

Claim

Claims

I Claim:

I. A method for transferring, receiving, and utilizing an **electronic gift certificate**, comprising the steps of generating a gift certificate, the gift certificate being generated by a...

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**PUBLIC NETWORK-BASED ORDER POOLING SYSTEM**

**SYSTEME DE GROUPEMENT DE COMMANDES SUR RESEAU PUBLIC**

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... address. The Web page may also allow the customer to specify payment through a prearranged **account** with the pool service provider, by **gift certificate**, smart card, **electronic** funds transfer (EFT), or COD. Alternatively, the Web page may allow the customer to indicate...

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**SECURE SYSTEM FOR THE ISSUANCE, ACQUISITION, AND REDEMPTION OF CERTIFICATES IN A TRANSACTION NETWORK**

**SYSTEME DE SECURITE PERMETTANT D'EMETTRE, D'ACQUERIR ET DE RACHETER DES CERTIFICATS DANS UNE TRANSACTION**

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... techniques may be used to support an all-electronic information distribution, for example, utilizing the "**electronic** highway".

**Gift Certificate** Systems. Traditional gift certificates are typically offered by a small percentage of **retail stores**. There are often major costs associated in the creation and distribution of paper-based certificates...mail service, the pre-printed certificate is then taken by the recipient to a corresponding **store**. The site does not allow the on-line creation of a remote, **electronic gift certificates**, such as for issuers that do not have pre-printed certificates. As well, the system inherently requires an associated inventory and distribution system for the pre printed **gift certificates**.

Another **web**-based company which sells certificates is located at "**www.webcertificates.com**", which enables recipients of a certificate to redeem the certificate from a wide variety...

...online location, wherein a product is then shipped.

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In an alternate embodiment of a conventional **online gift certificate** site, a buyer may purchase a "generic" gift certificate, which is then typically given as...

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**UNIVERSAL SHOPPING CART SYSTEM**

**SYSTEME DE CHARIOT D'ACHATS UNIVERSEL**

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Claims

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... and functionality to the user's overall shopping experience. These features include the Multi-Site **Shopping** Cart system being deployed to compile a Wish List, redeem a Universal **Online Gift Certificate**, organize and enable a Group Gift purchase, and to compile and purchase items from a...Gift Certificate

With respect to Fig. 8, the Customer 803 can purchase and send an **online Gift Certificate** to someone else. This Universal Gift Certificate is redeemable on any of the Coop **Merchant** sites 805, 806 or any subset of these merchants, as decided by the purchaser 803...

...means of payment accepted by the Coop Merchant) instead of using the Customer's 803 **credit** card. If the amount of the purchase is higher than the **gift certificate**, the Lead **Web** Site 804 will ask the gift recipient 802 for the difference. If it is lower...

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... process of Claim 1, further comprising the step of:

allowing a customer to purchase an **online universal gift certificate** on said Lead Web Site's site; wherein said customer chooses the amount of the...

...pay for said universal gift certificate; wherein said Lead Web Site debits said customer's **credit** card and escrows the money; allowing said customer to send an **online universal gift certificate** to a recipient; and wherein said universal gift certificate is redeemable on any of the...apparatus of Claim 26, further comprising:

a module for allowing a customer to purchase an **online universal gift certificate** on said Lead Web Site's site; wherein said customer chooses the amount of the...

...pay for said universal gift certificate; wherein said Lead Web Site debits said customer's **credit** card and escrows the money; allowing said customer to send an **online universal gift certificate** to a recipient; and wherein said universal gift certificate is redeemable on any of the...

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**PROVIDING A CREDIT CARD TO ANOTHER PERSON WHERE SAID PERSON DOES NOT HAVE POSSESSION OF SAID CARD**

**INSTRUMENT DE TRANSFERT**

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... it more attractive than conventional gift certificates which either limit the recipient to a particular **merchant** or set of merchants, such as in the case of a **store** or **online merchant gift certificate**, or the requirement for physical presentation of the gift certificate in order to complete the **purchase transaction**.

The invention provides benefits for the issuer in terms of reduced cost for a number...

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ELECTRONIC GIFT CERTIFICATE SYSTEM  
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ELECTRONIC GIFT CERTIFICATE SYSTEM

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Claims

English Abstract

An **electronic gift certificate** system is disclosed which distributes **electronic gift certificates** in the form of e-mail documents that include hyperlinks for automating the redemption process ...

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**ELECTRONIC GIFT CERTIFICATE SYSTEM**

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to electronic commerce, and more specifically, relates to methods for purchasing, distributing and redeeming **electronic gift certificates**.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

In the field of Internet commerce, it is common for Web sites of online **merchants** to include functionality for allowing users to purchase and redeem **electronic gift certificates**. To purchase a gift certificate using such a system, the purchaser commonly uses a standard...



...and the monetary amount of the gift certificate.

In response to the submission of the **gift certificate** order, the **Web** site automatically generates and sends an e-mail to the recipient. This e-mail commonly...

...type in and submit the gift certificate claim code.

This method of distributing and redeeming **electronic gift certificates** has several problems. One problem is that the recipient is required to manually enter the...

...present invention seeks to provide a more efficient and reliable system for distributing and redeeming **electronic gift certificates**.

#### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides an **electronic gift certificate** system which improves the efficiency and reliability of the redemption process. In accordance with the invention, the system distributes **electronic gift certificates** in the form of e-mail documents that include hyperlinks for automating the redemption process...site form page for allowing users to order gift certificates.

Figure 2 illustrates an example **gift certificate e-mail** with a hyperlink for automating the redemption process.

Figure 3 illustrates an example Web page...

...geographically distributed computer systems that are appropriately linked together.

The present invention provides an **electronic gift certificate** system which improves the efficiency and reliability of the redemption process. In accordance with the invention, the system distributes **electronic gift certificates** in the form of e-mail documents that include hyperlinks for automating the redemption process. ...retain the gift certificate code until the time of purchase. For example, upon receiving the **electronic gift certificate**, the recipient can immediately click on the link to credit his or her **account**, but then postpone making a purchase until a later date. The likelihood that the claim...

...for example, coding conventions.

document and protocol standards, and forins used for purchasing and redeeming **electronic gift certificates**. These details are provided in order to fully set forth a preferred embodiment of...

...gift certificate order form page that can be used to place an order for an **electronic gift certificate**. Users may be provided the option of retrieving this page, for example, by selecting a...certificate. Once the order has been placed and paid for, the Web site sends a **gift certificate e-mail** (Figure 2) to the recipient and sends an order confirmation e-mail to the purchaser.

Figure 2 illustrates the general form of the **gift certificate e-mail** document ("e-mail") that is sent to the recipient. In this example, it is assumed...it will be presented with a page which asks the user to select the **account** to be credited.

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Alternatively, the **gift certificate e-mail** (Figure 2) may be provided with separate hyperlinks for each such **account**, so that the recipient can both select and credit one of the multiple accounts with...

...single action (such as a single mouse click). For example, a user that has three **accounts** under the same e-mail address may receive a **gift certificate e-mail** that has three hyperlinks (one per **account**), with each link being presented together with associated **account** identification information (shipping address, partial credit card number, etc.) that allows the user to identify...

...this point. In addition, there is no need for the recipient to retain either the **gift certificate e-mail** or the claim code. As indicated above, the example set forth in Figures 1-3...steps that are performed by the GC application 72 to process an order for an **e-mail-based gift certificate**. This process is executed after the purchaser's **credit card** number or other payment information has been verified. As depicted by steps 90 and 92...This may be accomplished, for example, by including a password field (not shown) in the **gift certificate e-mail**. When the user selects the automatic redemption hyperlink 30, the password would be transmitted to the Web site 50 and used to select the **account**.

With further reference to Figure 5, the **gift certificate e-mail** document is then closed and sent to the recipient (step 102). In addition, an order...

### Claim

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for facilitating the redemption of **electronic gift certificates**, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a downloadable gift certificate order form on a...

...first hyperlink causes the first account to be credited and selection of the second hyperlink causes the second **account** to be credited.

9. A method for facilitating the redemption of **electronic gift certificates**, the method comprising the steps of providing a downloadable gift certificate order form on a...the first account to be credited and selection of the second hyperlink causes the second **account** to be credited.

11. A network site which provides functionality for purchasing and redeeming **electronic gift certificates** over a computer network, the site comprising:  
an **accounts** database that includes **accounts** of users of the network site, the accounts database storing account balances for at least...

...the network site and a gift certificate claim code.

16. A method of redeeming an **electronic gift certificate** issued by an online merchant, the **electronic gift certificate** comprising an **e-mail** document which includes a hyperlink therein, the

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**TELEVISION MESSAGE SYSTEM**

**SYSTEME DE MESSAGES TELEVISUELS**

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...purchase a gift related to television programming for a recipient. The  
gift may be an **electronic gift certificate** for pay-per-view  
programming. The television message system may be based on an interactive  
...

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**DIGITAL TRADING CARD, SYSTEM, AND METHOD**

**CARTES DE COLLECTION NUMERIQUES, SYSTEME ET PROCEDE**

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... 900 telephone number purchase/payment processing system. Database 20  
may also include mechanisms for promotions, **gift certificates**,  
**electronic** cash, and other well known internet payment options.  
Subscriptions database 40 defines a mechanism for...

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**MULTI-TRANSACTIONAL NETWORK ARCHITECTURE**

**ARCHITECTURE DE RESEAU MULTITRANSACTIONNELLE**

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... event tickets, airline tickets, money orders, dispensing of postage  
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**MULTIFUNCTION CARD SYSTEM**

**SYSTEME DE CARTE MULTIFONCTIONS**

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Claims

**Detailed Description**

... a plurality of functions. Therefore, there is a need in the art for a debit/credit card capable of performing a plurality of functions, such as an **electronic gift certificate** card, a prepaid phone card, and a loyalty card, all in a real-time secure...by providing an improved multifunction card system. The multifunction card system comprises at least one **electronic gift certificate** card having a unique identification number encoded on it, the identification number comprising a bank identification number corresponding to the multifunction card system; means for receiving **electronic gift certificate** card activation data from an existing standard retail point-of-sale device when the **electronic gift certificate** card is swiped through the point-of-sale device, the **electronic gift certificate** card activation data comprising the unique identification number of the **electronic gift certificate** card and an **electronic gift certificate** activation amount; means for activating an account corresponding to the **electronic gift certificate** card with a value equal to the **electronic gift certificate** activation amount; and means for allowing a user of the **electronic gift certificate** card to purchase goods having a value up to the **electronic gift certificate** activation amount.

The multifunction card system further comprises at least one phone card having a...card system which allows for the activation of prepaid phone cards and the use of **Electronic Gift Certificate™** cards, loyalty cards, debit cards, and medical information cards. Further, the system

provides for the...of funds between these parties may then take place by any commercially acceptable means.

#### 11. **Electronic Gift Certificate<sup>TM</sup>** Card

The multifunction card system 108 of the present invention is also capable of providing an **Electronic Gift Certificate<sup>TM</sup>** (EGC) card 101 for a **retail** issuer. Such a card 101 could be sold by the retail issuer for making purchases only in the retail issuer's stores or for use in a plurality of **stores**. As in the phone card context, the customer would ask the sales clerk for an **Electronic Gift Certificate<sup>TM</sup>** Card of the desired amount. If the customer already has an **Electronic Gift Certificate<sup>TM</sup>** card, he or she might ask the clerk to add the desired amount to the...

...receipt of the transaction data, the hub 103 recognizes the card 101 as being an **Electronic Gift Certificate<sup>TM</sup>** card of the **retail** issuer and activates or recharges the card 101 in the appropriate amount in an EGC database 205 maintained at the processing hub 103.

Optionally, the **Electronic Gift Certificate<sup>TM</sup>** card 101 could also be recharged using a **credit card** via an on-line connection to the processing hub 103, such as over the Internet...103 so that the EGC database 205 can be updated.

In a preferred embodiment, an **Electronic Gift Certificate<sup>TM</sup>** card could also be used to obtain long distance calling time in addition to making...

...as the prepaid phone card discussed above. In order to prevent the use of the **Electronic Gift Certificate<sup>TM</sup>** card simultaneously to make purchases and to obtain long distance calling time, a safety...phone card database 204 are decremented appropriately.

In the preferred embodiment of the invention, the **retail** issuer is also given the capability to award loyalty points to the bearer of the **Electronic Gift Certificate<sup>TM</sup>** card in recognition of purchases or recharges made. In such a case, the processing hub 103 maintains a separate loyalty card database 206. When the **Electronic Gift Certificate<sup>TM</sup>** card bearer adds money to the card 101, or makes a purchase using the card...

...distance calling time.

#### 111. Loyalty Card

Not unlike the loyalty feature add-on of the **Electronic Gift Certificate<sup>TM</sup>** card, the system 108 of the present invention may provide a separate loyalty card much...a database which maintains the medical funds for the cardholder. As described above under the **Electronic Gift Certificate<sup>TM</sup>** section, the system 108 is able to authorize, reject, and **cause** money to be transferred based upon the cardholder's available medical funds.

#### V. Intelligent Card<sup>TM</sup>...

#### Claim

CLAIMS ..CLM:

I claim:

1. A multifunction card system, comprising:

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a. at least one **electronic gift certificate** card having a unique identification number encoded on it, said identification number comprising a bank identification number corresponding to the multifunction card system; b. means for receiving **electronic gift certificate** card activation data from an existing standard retail point-of-sale device when said **electronic gift certificate** card is swiped through the point-of-sale device, said **electronic gift certificate** card activation data comprising the unique identification number of the **electronic gift certificate** card and, an **electronic gift certificate** activation amount; c. means for activating an account corresponding to the **electronic gift certificate** card with a balance equal to the **electronic gift certificate** activation amount; d. means for allowing a user of the **electronic gift certificate** card to purchase goods and services having a value up to the balance of the account corresponding to the **electronic gift certificate** card; and e. means for decreasing the balance of the account corresponding to the **electronic gift certificate** card by the value of the goods and services purchased.

2. A multifunction card system as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

a. means for receiving **electronic gift certificate** card recharge data from an existing standard retail point-of-sale device when said **electronic gift certificate** card is swiped through the point-of-sale device, said **electronic gift certificate** card recharge data comprising the unique identification number of the **electronic gift certificate** card and an **electronic gift certificate** recharge amount; and b. means for increasing the balance of the account corresponding to the **electronic gift certificate** card by the **electronic gift certificate** recharge amount.

3. A multifunction card system as recited in claim 1, wherein the first ...

...system as recited in claim 1, further comprising means for allowing a user of the **electronic gift certificate** card to obtain long distance telephone calling time, wherein the total of the value of...

...purchased and the long distance telephone calling time obtained cannot exceed the balance of the account corresponding to the **electronic gift certificate** card.

5. A multifunction card system as recited in claim 4, wherein said means for receiving **electronic gift certificate** activation data from an existing standard retail point-of-sale device when said **electronic gift certificate** card is swiped through the point-of-sale device employs the banking network.

6. A...

...system as recited in claim 4, further comprising means for associating loyalty data with the **electronic gift certificate** card based upon usage of the **electronic gift certificate** card.

7. A multifunction card system as recited in claim 1, further comprising means for associating loyalty data with the **electronic gift certificate** card based upon usage of the **electronic gift certificate** card.

8. A multifunction card system as recited in claim 1, wherein said means

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for receiving **electronic gift certificate** activation data from an existing standard retail point-of-sale device when said **electronic gift certificate** card is swiped through the point-of-sale device employs the banking network.

9. A...

...claim 9, wherein a single card with a single identification number can function as an **electronic gift certificate** card and as a phone card.

12. A multifunction card system as recited in claim...

...claim 12, wherein a single card with a single identification number can function as an **electronic gift certificate** card and as a loyalty card.

14. A multifunction card system as recited in claim...claim 14, wherein a single card with a single identification number can function as an **electronic gift certificate** card and as a medical information card.

16. A prepaid phone card system, comprising:

a...identification number is a medical identification number.

34. A system comprising:

a. at least one **electronic gift certificate** card having an **electronic gift certificate** card unique identification number encoded on it, said **electronic gift certificate** card unique identification number including a bank identification number; b. a transaction processor receiving **electronic gift card** activation data from an existing standard retail point-of-sale device, said **electronic gift certificate** card activation data including said unique identification number and an **electronic gift certificate** card activation amount; c. a processing hub receiving directly or indirectly said activation data from said transaction processor; and d. said processing hub activating an **account** corresponding to the **electronic gift certificate** card unique identification number with a balance corresponding to the **electronic gift certificate** activation amount.

35. The system of claim 34, wherein the **electronic gift certificate** card activation amount is encoded in the unique identification number.

36. The system of claim 34, wherein the **electronic gift certificate** card activation amount is entered at the point-of-sale device.

37. The system of claim 34, wherein said processing hub allows a user of the **electronic gift certificate** card to purchase a value up to the balance corresponding to the **electronic gift certificate** activation amount.

38. The system of claim 34, wherein:

a. said transaction processor receives **electronic gift certificate** card recharge data from the existing standard retail point-of-sale device, said **electronic gift certificate** card recharge data including said unique identification number and an **electronic gift certificate** card recharge amount; and b. said processing hub increasing said amount corresponding to the **electronic gift certificate** card



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unique identification number with a balance corresponding to the **electronic gift certificate** card recharge amount.

39. The system of claim 34, wherein the first digit of the...

...40. The system of claim 34, wherein the processing hub allows the use of the **electronic gift certificate** card to obtain phone calling time.

41. The system of claim 34, further comprising:

- a. a prepaid phone card issuer hub receiving directly or indirectly the **electronic gift card** activation data from said processing hub; and
- b. said prepaid phone card issuer hub activating a record in a phone card database corresponding to the **electronic gift certificate** card unique identification number.

42. The system of claim 41, wherein the prepaid phone card issuer hub instructs the processing hub to seize the **account** corresponding to the **electronic gift certificate** card unique identification number where an **electronic gift certificate** card is used to make a call.

43. The system of claim 41, wherein the processing hub instructs the phone card issuer hub to seize the record corresponding to the **electronic gift certificate** card unique identification number when the **electronic gift certificate** card is used to make a transaction.

44. The system of claim 34, wherein the...

...45~ The system of claim 34, wherein the processing hub associates loyalty data with the **electronic gift certificate** card based upon the usage of the **electronic gift certificate** card.

46. The system of claim 34, wherein the activation data received at the processing...

...information card database.

49. The system of claim 34, wherein the processing hub includes an **electronic gift certificate** card database, a loyalty card database, and a medical information database.

50. A multifunction card system comprising:

- a. at least one **electronic gift certificate** card having an **electronic gift certificate** card unique identification number encoded on it, said **electronic gift certificate** card unique identification number including a bank identification number; b. a transaction processor receiving **electronic gift card** activation data from an existing standard retail point-of-sale device, said **electronic gift certificate** card activation data including the **electronic gift certificate** card unique identification number and an **electronic gift certificate** card activation amount; c. a processing hub receiving directly or indirectly said activation data from said transaction processor; and d. said processing hub activating an **account** corresponding to the **electronic gift certificate** card unique identification number with a balance corresponding to the **electronic gift certificate** activation amount.

51. The multifunction card system of claim 50, wherein the **electronic gift certificate** card activation amount is encoded in the unique identification number.

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52. The multifunction card system of claim 50, wherein the **electronic gift certificate** card activation amount is entered at the point- ... system of claim 57, wherein said card is selected from the group consisting of an **electronic gift certificate** card, a phone card, a loyalty card, and a medical information card.

59. The multifunction...

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**SYSTEM FOR CALCULATING OCCASION DATES AND CONVERTING BETWEEN DIFFERENT CALENDAR SYSTEMS, AND INTELLIGENT AGENT FOR USING SAME**  
**SYSTEME DE CALCUL DE DATES D'EVENEMENTS ET DE CONVERSION ENTRE DIFFERENTS SYSTEMES DE CALENDRIERS, ET AGENT INTELLIGENT PERMETTANT D'UTILISER CE SYSTEME**

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... as a bit mapped image file, sound file or text file), electronic currency, electronic **gift certificates** or **electronic** versions of the physical objects mentioned in the first sentence under "stand-alone device" for...

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**INTELLIGENT AGENT FOR EXECUTING DELEGATED TASKS**  
**AGENT INTELLIGENT DESTINE A EXECUTER DES TACHES DELEGUEES**

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... combination of products (such as a bit-mapped image file, sound file  
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**MACHINE-READABLE INDICIA CERTIFICATE DISPENSING DEVICE**

**DISPOSITIF DISTRIBUTEUR DE BONS A REPERES EXPLOITABLES PAR MACHINE**

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... operate independently or within a network. FIGURE 4 is a block diagram  
representative of a **network** of **gift certificate** dispensing devices  
10 coordinated by a main computer 60. In FIGURE 4, gift certificate  
dispensing...

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**INTERACTIVE COMPUTER SYSTEM WITH SELF-PUBLISHING CATALOGUE, ADVERTISER  
NOTIFICATION, COUPON PROCESSING AND INBOUND POLLING  
SYSTEME D'ORDINATEUR INTERACTIF AVEC CATALOGUE AUTO-EDITE, NOTIFICATION AUX  
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... gift, the buyer can be offered the opportunity to record a voice or video message ("virtual gift card"). Instructions for accessing the voice or video message can be shipped with the product, or...number and a second "Greeting Number"., The recipient would call the telephone number on the "Virtual gift card" and hear a voice message recorded by the customer sending the gift (stored in a voice mail box in the system). The recipient can also choose to hear...for the gift is obtained. The caller can be offered the opportunity to include a virtual gift card with the gift. 1212. A virtual gift card is an audio video or text message recorded by the gift-giver and stored for later playback. In one embodiment, the gift is packaged with instructions to the recipient such as the coupons identified in step 1202, or the virtual gift card information from step 1212. Recorded message information other than virtual gift cards can also be...

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**INTERACTIVE COMPUTER SYSTEM WITH MULTI-PROTOCOL CAPABILITY  
SYSTEME INFORMATIQUE INTERACTIF ADAPTABLE A DES PROTOCOLES MULTIPLES**

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... number and a second "greeting number". The recipient would call the telephone number on the "virtual gift card" and hear a voice message recorded by the customer sending the gift (stored in a voice mail box in the system). The recipient can also choose to hear...for the gift is obtained. The caller can be offered the opportunity to include a virtual gift card with the gift 1212. A virtual gift card is an audio video or text message recorded by the gift-giver and stored for later playback. In one embodiment, the gift is packaged with instructions to the recipient...

...be included in the shipment, such as the coupons identified in step 1202, or the virtual gift card information from step 1212. Recorded message information other than virtual gift cards can also

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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GENERATING GIFT CERTIFICATES

PROCEDE ET APPAREIL D'ETABLISSEMENT DE BONS-CADEAUX

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English Abstract

An electronic gift certificate dispenser device (10) for printing and dispensing a gift certificate purchased by a credit card. A consumer approaches the device (10) and inserts a credit card into a magnetic card...

Detailed Description

... of the present invention, a method is disclosed for controlling the selection and printing of gift certificates from a network of gift

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**certificate** dispensing terminals connected to a central processing unit.

According to yet another embodiment of the...

...device according to the present invention.

FIG. 4 is a block diagram representative of a **network** of **gift certificate** dispensing devices coordinated by a main computer and one or more **credit card** authorization computers according to the present invention.

FIGS. 5a and 5b are flow chart representations...structural changes may be made without departing from the scope of the present invention.

An **electronic gift certificate** dispensing device 10 is shown in FIG. 1. Gift certificate dispensing device 10 is a...in the housing of the dispensing device. FIG. 2 shows an electrical block diagram of **electronic gift certificate** dispensing device in accordance with the present invention. Computer 24 is connected to monitor 12...Fahrenheit computer 24 automatically shuts down the electronics of device 10 to avoid damage to **electronic** components.

**Gift certificate** dispensing device 10 can operate independently or within a network. Networked operation of the dispensing...

...devices for unauthorized access or vandalism.

FIG. 4 is a block diagram representative of a **network** of **gift certificate** dispensing devices 10 coordinated by a main computer. In FIG. 4, gift certificate dispensing devices...

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File 278:Microcomputer Software Guide 2001/May

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File 634:San Jose Mercury Jun 1985-2001/Jun 08

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File 256:SoftBase:Reviews,Companies&Prods. 85-2001/May

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Set	Items	Description
S1	1227	GIFT()CERTIFICATE? OR GIFT()CHECK? OR CONTRIBUTION()BROKER? OR WEBCERTIFICATE? OR E-GIFT? OR GIFT()CARD?
S2	19	S1(2N) (ELECTRONIC OR ON()LINE OR ONLINE OR WWW OR WEB OR - WORLD()WIDE()WEB OR INTERNET)
S3	7	S1(2N) (WEBSITE ? OR DIGITAL OR NET OR NETWORK? OR CYBER OR VIRTUAL OR DIGITI? OR DATABASE? OR E()COMMERCE OR E()MAIL OR E()TAIL? OR ECOMMERCE)
S4	10	(S2 OR S3) (15N) (MERCHANT? OR STORE? OR SHOP? OR RETAIL? OR MALL OR MALLS OR MARKETPLACE OR OUTLET? OR RESELLER? OR CHAR- ITY OR CHARITIES OR CHARITABLE OR ORGANIZATION? OR ORGANISATI- ON? OR BUSINESS? OR POLITICAL OR CAUSE OR CAUSES)
S5	4	(S2 OR S3) (15N) (CREDIT()CARD? OR PURCHASE()TRANSACTION? - OR BROKER? OR ACCOUNT? OR AUTHENTICAT? OR PIN OR PERSONAL()ID- ENTIFICATION()NUMBER? )
S6	23	S2 OR S3 OR S4 OR S5
S7	21	RD (unique items)
S8	13	S7 AND PY=<1999

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**BUBB IS MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

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**23 TEACHERS IN COUNTY TO BE HONORED**

Wednesday, October 5, 1994

Word Count: 604

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00120929

DOCUMENT TYPE: Review

**PRODUCT NAMES: Company - giftpoint.com Inc (869686)**

**TITLE: Better Than a Check: Online retailers looking to cash in on the e...**

Nov 15, 1999

REVISION DATE: 20010430

8/6/12 (Item 2 from file: 256)

00120382

DOCUMENT TYPE: Review

**PRODUCT NAMES: Flooz (760901)**

**TITLE: How to Give a Gift Anyone Can Use**

Oct 5, 1999

REVISION DATE: 20010331

8/6/13 (Item 3 from file: 256)

00117245

DOCUMENT TYPE: Review

**PRODUCT NAMES: Flooz (760901)**

**TITLE: Getting Shoppers Into the Flooz Habit**

Jun 7, 1999

REVISION DATE: 20010331

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DIALOG(R)File 634:San Jose Mercury

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10336112

**NO GUARANTEE OF TIME OFF FOR HOLIDAYS**

San Jose Mercury News (SJ) - Thursday, December 2, 1999

By: ANDY BRUNO AND STEVEN CHAE column

Edition: Morning Final Section: Silicon Valley Life Page: 5E

Word Count: 506

1999

Q

What are the rules regarding expiration dates on gift certificates for



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online retailers ? I was considering buying a certificate from eToys (based in Santa Monica) for my younger brother, who lives in Connecticut. But I noticed the Web site says gift certificates are valid for one year from the time they're issued. Which state's laws...

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10282035

**THREE IPOs GET OFF TO A GOOD START THEY CAP WEEK IN WHICH NET FIRMS' INITIAL STOCK OFFERS PERFORMED WELL**

San Jose Mercury News (SJ) - Saturday, October 9, 1999  
By: MERCURY NEWS WIRE SERVICES  
Edition: Morning Final Section: Business Page: 1C  
Word Count: 625

1999

...Service approval for its Internet postage service.

E-Stamp expects to expand its online postage business into overseas markets and is mulling opportunities in online ticketing and gift certificates, CEO Robert Ewald told Reuters after the IPO. 'The U.S. market alone is \$60...

8/3,K/3 (Item 3 from file: 634)  
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09849049

**DESPITE PITFALLS, PEOPLE SWAP GIFTS AT THE OFFICE**

San Jose Mercury News (SJ) - Tuesday, December 15, 1998  
By: DIANE SEARS-CAMPBELL, Knight Ridder News Service  
Edition: Morning Final Section: Getting Ahead Page: 17C  
Word Count: 559

1998

... from a movie to an airline trip are hot, Edmunds said. So are the plastic electronic gift cards that are purchased like gift certificates for items and services that include long-distance phone...

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09533097

**THE HEARTY SPIRIT DELIGHT YOUR LOVED ONE OR EVEN YOUR CO-WORKERS WITH SOME QUIRKY VALENTINE**

San Jose Mercury News (SJ) - Monday, February 2, 1998  
By: MARY GOTTSCHALK column  
Edition: Morning Final Section: Silicon Valley Life Page: 1C  
Word Count: 1,469

1998

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... Moschino, \$265, says it all. But if you want to say more, include a special **electronic gift certificate** on a "be mine" **credit card**, exclusively at Neiman Marcus, Stanford **Shopping Center**, Palo Alto.

(hrt) Put some fizz in your romance with heart-shaped effervescent bath

8/3,K/5 (Item 5 from file: 634)  
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08340036

**THOUGHTFUL GIFT IDEAS FOR THE JOB HUNTER YOU KNOW**  
San Jose Mercury News (SJ) - Wednesday, December 6, 1995  
By: Paula Ancona, Scripps Howard News Service  
Edition: Morning Final Section: Getting Ahead Page: 12G  
Word Count: 480

1995

...distance carriers.

(box) Current job-hunting books, resume guides or job-search resource books.

(box) **Gift certificate** for an on-line service or an Internet provider. This is useful for finding job postings and job search...

8/3,K/6 (Item 6 from file: 634)  
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07821252

**TREE PROJECT SPROUTS AGAIN CITY FOREST: VOLUNTEERS ARE SOUGHT TO PLANT GREENERY AT SCHOOLS.**  
San Jose Mercury News (SJ) - Wednesday, November 16, 1994  
By: MAYA SURYARAMAN column  
Edition: Morning Final Section: East Extra Page: 1  
Word Count: 352

1994

... his teacher will get \$100 for classroom use and his school will receive a \$500 **gift certificate** for **electronic equipment**.

8/3,K/7 (Item 7 from file: 634)  
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07814312

**SCOUT'S HIGH-TECH PROJECT AIDS GUADALUPE SCHOOL**  
San Jose Mercury News (SJ) - Wednesday, November 9, 1994  
By: MICHELLE GUIDO column  
Edition: Morning Final Section: Extra 4 Page: 1  
Word Count: 596

1994

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... his teacher will get \$100 for classroom use and his school will receive a \$500 **gift certificate** for **electronic** equipment.

**8/3,K/8** (Item 8 from file: 634)  
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07814308

**SANTA CLARA SEARCHES FOR NEW SCHOOL CHIEF**  
San Jose Mercury News (SJ) - Wednesday, November 9, 1994  
By: ALETA PAYNE column  
Edition: Morning Final Section: Extra 2 Page: 1  
Word Count: 482

1994

... his teacher will get \$100 for classroom use and his school will receive a \$500 **gift certificate** for **electronic** equipment.

**8/3,K/9** (Item 9 from file: 634)  
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07814307

**BUBB IS MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**  
San Jose Mercury News (SJ) - Wednesday, November 9, 1994  
By: ALETA PAYNE column  
Edition: Morning Final Section: West Extra Page: 1  
Word Count: 486

1994

... his teacher will get \$100 for classroom use and his school will receive a \$500 **gift certificate** for **electronic** equipment.

**8/3,K/10** (Item 10 from file: 634)  
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07779223

**23 TEACHERS IN COUNTY TO BE HONORED**  
San Jose Mercury News (SJ) - Wednesday, October 5, 1994  
By: Aleta Payne column  
Edition: Morning Final Section: Extra 2 Page: 1  
Word Count: 604

1994

... her teacher will get \$100 for classroom use and the school will receive a \$500 **gift certificate** for **electronic** equipment.

The deadline for entries is 4 p.m. on October 18. For more information...

**8/3,K/11** (Item 1 from file: 256)  
DIALOG(R)File 256:SoftBase:Reviews,Companies&Prods.

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00120929 DOCUMENT TYPE: Review

PRODUCT NAMES: Company - giftpoint.com Inc (869686)

TITLE: Better Than a Check: Online retailers looking to cash in on the e...

AUTHOR: Williamson, Debra Aho

SOURCE: Industry Standard, v2 n35 p182(2) Nov 15, 1999

ISSN: 1098-9196

HOME PAGE: <http://www.thestandard.com>

RECORD TYPE: Review

REVIEW TYPE: Company

REVISION DATE: 20010430

...gift certificates to recipients, with the gift-giver paying the cost. To encourage use of digital gift certificates, Giftpoint added an e-mail choice that for a fee allows gift-givers to send...

1999

8/3,K/12 (Item 2 from file: 256)

DIALOG(R) File 256:SoftBase:Reviews,Companies&Prods.

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00120382 DOCUMENT TYPE: Review

PRODUCT NAMES: Flooz (760901)

TITLE: How to Give a Gift Anyone Can Use

AUTHOR: Bort, Julie

SOURCE: MicroTimes, v198 p71(2) Oct 5, 1999

HOME PAGE: <http://www.microtimes.com>

RECORD TYPE: Review

REVIEW TYPE: Product Analysis

GRADE: Product Analysis, No Rating

REVISION DATE: 20010331

Flooz, a gift certificate e-commerce Web site, is a boon to those gift-givers who loathe the thought of planning, buying...

1999

8/3,K/13 (Item 3 from file: 256)

DIALOG(R) File 256:SoftBase:Reviews,Companies&Prods.

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00117245 DOCUMENT TYPE: Review

PRODUCT NAMES: Flooz (760901)

TITLE: Getting Shoppers Into the Flooz Habit

AUTHOR: Marlatt, Andrew

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SOURCE: Internet World, v5 n21 p15(2) Jun 7, 1999  
ISSN: 1097-8291  
HOMEPAGE: <http://www.iw.com>

RECORD TYPE: Review  
REVIEW TYPE: Product Analysis  
GRADE: Product Analysis, No Rating

REVISION DATE: 20010331

Robert Levitan, who with Spencer Waxman founded Flooz.com, a **digital gift certificate** service, says the two Flooz founders set out to 'launch, listen, and learn.' Their strategy...

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 File 475:Wall Street Journal Abs 1973-2001/Jun 11  
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S1	144	GIFT()CERTIFICATE? OR GIFT()CHECK? OR CONTRIBUTION()BROKER? OR E-GIFT? OR GIFT()CARD?
S2	15	S1(2N) (ELECTRONIC OR ON()LINE OR ONLINE OR WWW OR WEB OR I- NTERNET OR WEBCERTIFICATE?)
S3	1	S1(2N) (WEBSITE? OR DIGITAL? OR NET OR NETWORK? OR CYBER OR - VIRTUAL OR DIGITI? OR DATABASE? OR E() (COMMERCE OR MAIL? OR T- AIL?) OR EMAIL? OR ETAIL? OR ECOMMERCE)
S4	2112520	(MERCHANT? OR STORE? OR SHOP? OR RETAIL? OR MALL OR MALLS - OR MARKETPLACE OR OUTLET? OR RESELLER? OR CHARITY OR CHARITIES OR CHARITABLE OR ORGANIZATION? OR ORGANISATION? OR BUSINESS? OR POLITICAL OR CAUSE OR CAUSES)
S5	768032	(CREDIT()CARD? OR PURCHASE()TRANSACTION? OR BROKER? OR ACC- OUNT? OR AUTHENTICAT? OR PIN OR PERSONAL()IDENTIFICATION()NUM- BER? )
S6	0	S2 AND S3
S7	3146653	2 OR S3
S8	16	S2 OR S3
S9	704215	8 AND PY=<1999
S10	11	S8 AND PY=<1999

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DIALOG(R)File 2:INSPEC  
(c) 2001 Institution of Electrical Engineers. All rts. reserv.

6378359

**Title:** The payment evolution. Customer service through flexibility at the point of sale

Author(s): Taneja, S.  
Journal: Chain Store Age vol.75, no.9 p.178  
Publisher: Lebhar-Friedman,  
Publication Date: Sept. 1999 Country of Publication: USA  
CODEN: CSAGAW ISSN: 1087-0601  
SICI: 1087-0601(199909)75:9L:178:PECS;1-9  
Material Identity Number: D448-1999-009  
Language: English  
Subfile: D  
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...Abstract: card systems, and on to emerging technologies such as smart cards and mag-stripe-based **electronic gift cards**, the payment field is growing ever more complex. Wegmans Food Markets copes with on-line...

...Identifiers: **electronic gift cards**  
1999

10/3,K/2 (Item 2 from file: 2)  
DIALOG(R)File 2:INSPEC  
(c) 2001 Institution of Electrical Engineers. All rts. reserv.

6197572

**Title:** Contemporary gifts [ electronic gift certificates]

Journal: Chain Store Age vol.75, no.2 p.152  
Publisher: Lebhar-Friedman,  
Publication Date: Feb. 1999 Country of Publication: USA  
CODEN: CSAGAW ISSN: 1087-0601  
SICI: 1087-0601(199902)75:2L:152:CGEG;1-Q  
Material Identity Number: D448-1999-002  
Language: English  
Subfile: D  
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**Title:** Contemporary gifts [ electronic gift certificates]

Abstract: **Electronic gift cards** make it possible for us to serve the customer better," says Rick Savard, senior VP...

...Identifiers: **electronic gift cards** ;  
1999

10/3,K/3 (Item 1 from file: 233)  
DIALOG(R)File 233:Internet & Personal Comp. Abs.  
(c) 2001 Info. Today Inc. All rts. reserv.

00552688 99IK11-007

**Temporary hosting for payment systems -- Clear Commerce smooths in-house transition**

Karpinski, Richard  
InternetWeek , November 1, 1999 , n787 p18, 1 Page(s)  
ISSN: 0746-8121

... when Flooz can deploy the entire payment package in-house. Explains

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1996

10/3,K/7 (Item 1 from file: 474)  
DIALOG(R)File 474:New York Times Abs  
(c) 2001 The New York Times. All rts. reserv.

07742686 NYT Sequence Number: 751715991206

**E-COMMERCE**

Tedeschi, Bob  
New York Times, Col. 1, Pg. 16, Sec. C  
Monday December 6 1999

1999

**ABSTRACT:**

...least half a dozen new Web-based businesses are engaged solely in business of selling online **gift certificates**, and Internet retailers are hastening to offer their own **electronic** versions of **gift certificates**; photo (M)

10/3,K/8 (Item 2 from file: 474)  
DIALOG(R)File 474:New York Times Abs  
(c) 2001 The New York Times. All rts. reserv.

07740504 NYT Sequence Number: 027936991223

**LOOKING FOR WINNERS IN A NEW CATEGORY**

Lohr, Steve  
New York Times, Col. 1, Pg. 5, Sec. C  
Thursday December 23 1999

1999

**ABSTRACT:**

Article profiles GiftCertificates.com, Internet startup company trying to build online marketplace for **gift certificates**; analysts say Web retailing category may well prove to be good niche business for winners (M)

10/3,K/9 (Item 3 from file: 474)  
DIALOG(R)File 474:New York Times Abs  
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07718580 NYT Sequence Number: 016543991018

**COMPRESSED DATA: FLOOZ RECEIVES HELP FROM WHOOPI GOLDBERG**

Flynn, Laurie J  
New York Times, Col. 1, Pg. 5, Sec. C  
Monday October 18 1999

1999

**ABSTRACT:**

Actress Whoopi Goldberg agrees to promote Flooz, new Web-based **gift certificate** system, in exchange for company stock; some 60 on-line merchants have already agreed to...

10/3,K/10 (Item 1 from file: 475)  
DIALOG(R)File 475:Wall Street Journal Abs



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08020225 NYT Sequence Number: 000000990430

**TAKEOFFS & LANDINGS**

Wall Street Journal, Col. 3, Pg. 11A, Sec. W  
Friday April 30 1999

**1999**

**ABSTRACT:**

...new ways for travelers to spend unused frequent-flier miles, ranging from shopping for clothes **online** to buying **gift certificates** from retailers (S)

**10/3,K/11 (Item 2 from file: 475)**

DIALOG(R)File 475:Wall Street Journal Abs  
(c) 2001 The New York Times. All rts. reserv.

08004605 NYT Sequence Number: 000000981210

**BUSINESS BULLETIN**

Wall Street Journal, Col. 5, Pg. 1, Sec. A  
Thursday December 10 1998

**1998**

**ABSTRACT:**

Briefs: C/Base Inc promotes **Webcertificate**, its **online gift certificate** service, by issuing list of Web sites where shopper can find all the gifts from...

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S3	843	S1(2N) (WEBSITE ? OR DIGITAL OR NET OR NETWORK? OR CYBER OR VIRTUAL OR DIGITI? OR DATABASE? OR E()COMMERCE OR E()MAIL OR E()TAIL? OR ECOMMERCE)
S4	2294	(S2 OR S3) (15N) (MERCHANT? OR STORE? OR SHOP? OR RETAIL? OR MALL OR MALLS OR MARKETPLACE OR OUTLET? OR RESELLER? OR CHAR- ITY OR CHARITIES OR CHARITABLE OR ORGANIZATION? OR ORGANISATI- ON? OR BUSINESS? OR POLITICAL OR CAUSE OR CAUSES)
S5	434	(S2 OR S3) (15N) (CREDIT()CARD? OR PURCHASE()TRANSACTION? - OR BROKER? OR ACCOUNT? OR AUTHENTICAT? OR PIN OR PERSONAL()ID- ENTIFICATION()NUMBER? )
S6	202	S4(S)S5
S7	0	S S5 AND S6
S8	61	RD S6 (unique items)
S9	12	S8 AND PY<1999
S10	12	S9 AND PY=<1999
S11	0	HOE FILES
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customer already use a special Blockbuster Visa credit card. ...

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DIALOG(R)File 9:Business & Industry(R)

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01391302 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULLTEXT)

**Blockbuster**

(Blockbuster Entertainment and CES/NaBANCO have developed an electronic gift card)

Billboard, v 108, n 4, p 88

January 27, 1996

DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal ISSN: 0006-2510 (United States)

LANGUAGE: English RECORD TYPE: Fulltext

WORD COUNT: 72

(USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULLTEXT)

**TEXT:**

BLOCKBUSTER ENTERTAINMENT and CES/NaBANCO, a processor of merchant credit-card services, have developed an electronic gift card that can be used like cash at Blockbuster Music and Blockbuster Video stores and at DiscoveryZone FunCenter locations. The plastic card has a magnetic strip that allows for...

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DIALOG(R)File 9:Business & Industry(R)

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01109856 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULLTEXT)

**STORED**

(Nieman Marcus offers electronic gift certificate)

Card Fax, v 95, n 13, p 1

January 23, 1995

DOCUMENT TYPE: Newsletter; News Brief (United States)

LANGUAGE: English RECORD TYPE: Fulltext

WORD COUNT: 77

(USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULLTEXT)

**TEXT:**

**STORED** : Dallas-based department store chain Nieman Marcus is offering an electronic gift certificate. The NM Express Card is a stored value card with a magnetic-stripe and a personal identification number. The card can store up to \$1,000; value can be added via check, cash...

10/3,K/6 (Item 1 from file: 621)

DIALOG(R)File 621:Gale Group New Prod.Annou. (R)

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01763288 Supplier Number: 53259031 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)

**Neiman Marcus Introduces 1998 Holiday Gift Card Jingle My Bells Designed by Louisiana Artist George Rodrigue.**

PR Newswire, p9114

Nov 24, 1998

Language: English Record Type: Fulltext

Document Type: Newswire; Trade

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DIALOG(R)File 16:Gale Group PROMT(R)  
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04173302 Supplier Number: 46095964 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)

**BLOCKBUSTER ENTERTAINMENT**

Billboard, p88

Jan 27, 1996

Language: English Record Type: Fulltext

Document Type: Magazine/Journal; General

Word Count: 74

(USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)

TEXT:

BLOCKBUSTER ENTERTAINMENT and CES/NaBANCO, a processor of merchant credit -card services, have developed an electronic gift card that can be used like cash at Blockbuster Music and Blockbuster Video stores and at DiscoveryZone FunCenter locations. The plastic card has a magnetic strip that allows for...

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File 387:The Denver Post 1994-2001/Jun 08  
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File 471:New York Times Fulltext-90 Day 2001/Jun 12  
(c) 2001 The New York Times  
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S1	23383	GIFT()CERTIFICATE? OR GIFT()CHECK? OR CONTRIBUTION()BROKER? OR WEBCERTIFICATE? OR E-GIFT? OR GIFT()CARD?
S2	378	S1(2N) (ELECTRONIC OR ON()LINE OR ONLINE OR WWW OR WEB OR - WORLD()WIDE()WEB OR INTERNET)
S3	95	S1(2N) (WEBSITE ? OR DIGITAL OR NET OR NETWORK? OR CYBER OR VIRTUAL OR DIGITI? OR DATABASE? OR E()COMMERCE OR E()MAIL OR E()TAIL? OR ECOMMERCE)
S4	216	(S2 OR S3) (15N) (MERCHANT? OR STORE? OR SHOP? OR RETAIL? OR MALL OR MALLS OR MARKETPLACE OR OUTLET? OR RESELLER? OR CHAR- ITY OR CHARITIES OR CHARITABLE OR ORGANIZATION? OR ORGANISATI- ON? OR BUSINESS? OR POLITICAL OR CAUSE OR CAUSES)
S5	39	(S2 OR S3) (15N) (CREDIT()CARD? OR PURCHASE()TRANSACTION? - OR BROKER? OR ACCOUNT? OR AUTHENTICAT? OR PIN OR PERSONAL()ID- ENTIFICATION()NUMBER? )
S6	16	S4 (S) S5
S7	138	(S2 OR S3) (5N) (MERCHANT? OR STORE? OR SHOP? OR RETAIL? OR MALL OR MALLS OR MARKETPLACE OR OUTLET? OR RESELLER? OR CHARI- TY OR CHARITIES OR CHARITABLE OR ORGANIZATION? OR ORGANISATIO- N? OR BUSINESS? OR POLITICAL OR CAUSE OR CAUSES)
S8	167	S5 OR S6 OR S7
S9	162	RD (unique items)
S10	80	S9 AND PY=<1999
S11	115	(S2 OR S3) (3N) (MERCHANT? OR STORE? OR SHOP? OR RETAIL? OR MALL OR MALLS OR MARKETPLACE OR OUTLET? OR RESELLER? OR CHARI- TY OR CHARITIES OR CHARITABLE OR ORGANIZATION? OR ORGANISATIO- N? OR BUSINESS? OR POLITICAL OR CAUSE OR CAUSES)
S12	147	S11 OR S5 OR S6
S13	142	RD (unique items)
S14	72	S13 AND PY=<1999

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2019079 47943852

**SHOPPERS GO OFFLINE, HIT MALLS ONLINE WOES DRIVING RUSH**

Creno, Glen

Arizona Republic pE1

Dec 24, 1999

WORD COUNT: 564

DATELINE: Phoenix Arizona

TEXT:

...like Jcrew.com promised Christmas Day delivery on certain orders placed today. But many e-retailers were touting electronic gift certificates for last-minute shoppers.

With Internet stores virtually locked up, bleary-eyed Net surfers were forced to drop out...

14/3,K/2 (Item 2 from file: 635)

DIALOG(R)File 635:Business Dateline(R)

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2017490 47432148

**TRUMP CARDS / Procrastinators rejoice over easy-to-send e-mail holiday greetings**

Kirby, Carrie

San Francisco Chronicle pB1

Dec 23, 1999

WORD COUNT: 1,271

TEXT:

...participating online merchants

-- AOL.com Last-Minute Gifts, shop.aol.com/lastminute

Some AOL.com merchants will e-mail gift certificates, while others send via express mail.

-- Flooz, www.flooz.com

E-mails a gift certificate...

14/3,K/3 (Item 3 from file: 635)

DIALOG(R)File 635:Business Dateline(R)

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2007203 50761414

**Gazelle leaps into CRM market**

Haley, Colin C

Mass High Tech v17n46 p8

Nov 15, 1999

WORD COUNT: 640

DATELINE: Newton Massachusetts

TEXT:

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...will mesh with what's in place.

The software captures information from guest loyalty programs, **electronic gift certificates** or cards, corporate or house **accounts**, delivery and take-out orders, and funnels it into a database.

That information can be...

14/3,K/4 (Item 4 from file: 635)  
DIALOG(R)File 635:Business Dateline(R)  
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1094107 00-64744

**Back to the well**

Walsh, Mark

Crains New York Business (New York, NY, US), V15 N31 p1

PUBL DATE: 990802

WORD COUNT: 952

DATELINE: New York, NY, US, Middle Atlantic

TEXT:

...Gifts this time

Among companies in which he is an angel investor is Flooz, an **online gift certificate business** started this earlier this year by Mr. Levitan, co-founder of women's on-line...

14/3,K/5 (Item 5 from file: 635)  
DIALOG(R)File 635:Business Dateline(R)  
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1089578 00-59671

**B&B site bets future on merger**

Landwehr, Rebecca

Denver Business Journal (Denver, CO, US), V49 N47 p1A

PUBL DATE: 990716

WORD COUNT: 587

DATELINE: Golden, CO, US, Mountain

TEXT:

...promotional partnerships online for a fall launch. BedandBreakfast.com will offer its own MBNA Visa **credit card** that will help travelers earn credits toward free stays at participating inns and even an **online gift certificate** program for members of BedandBreakfast.com.

"BedandBreakfast.com has done an incredible job marketing to...

14/3,K/6 (Item 6 from file: 635)  
DIALOG(R)File 635:Business Dateline(R)  
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1072256 00-38820

**Prepaid cards growing more popular**



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Gomes, Andrew  
Pacific Business News (Honolulu, HI, US), V37 N5 p3  
PUBL DATE: 990416  
WORD COUNT: 795  
DATELINE: Honolulu, HI, US, Pacific

TEXT:

...latest plan appears to be better tested. Neiman Marcus takes credit for introducing the first **retail "electronic gift certificate"** in 1994.

Billy Payton, Neiman vice president of marketing, said the company created its refillable...

14/3,K/7 (Item 7 from file: 635)  
DIALOG(R)File 635:Business Dateline(R)  
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1048930 00-13658

**Virtual Vegas Declares a 'Prize War', Changes Name to Prize Central Networks, Inc.**

Anonymous

Business Wire (San Francisco, CA, US) p1

PUBL DATE: 990315

WORD COUNT: 630

DATELINE: San Francisco, CA, US, Pacific

TEXT:

...available from a wide variety of prize partners including Royal Caribbean cruises, Las Vegas vacations, **Gift Certificates** at **online shops**, magazine subscriptions, and cash.

"Since our site is free of charge, we can't declare...

14/3,K/8 (Item 8 from file: 635)  
DIALOG(R)File 635:Business Dateline(R)  
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1035774 00-00224

**Siblings seek ways to defuse rivalry**

Aron, Laurie Joan

Crains New York Business (New York, NY, US), V15 N6 p21

PUBL DATE: 990208

WORD COUNT: 690

DATELINE: New York, NY, US, Middle Atlantic

TEXT:

...with his brother owns and operates 1-800-Gift Certificate, a midtown-based telephone and **Internet** vendor of **gift certificates** from 80 top **retailers**.

Yet his brother was the only one Dan considered calling about the 2 a.m.

...

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14/3,K/9 (Item 9 from file: 635)  
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1019460 99-83299

**Department Stores Dabble Online but Stay Wary of the Web; Shopping:**  
**Products they offer pose unique challenges that both hinder their move to the Net and protect them from upstart rivals.**

Gaw, Jonathan  
Los Angeles Times (Los Angeles, CA, US) pC1  
PUBL DATE: 981204  
WORD COUNT: 1,553  
DATELINE: Los Angeles, CA, US, Pacific

TEXT:

...s criteria, the wizard--instead of suggesting a related or comparable product--always recommends a **gift certificate** .

While other **online retailers** promise next-day shipping, Bloomingdale's Web site tells customers they have to order by...

14/3,K/10 (Item 10 from file: 635)  
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1005501 99-68528

**Stores Come Calling With Prepaid Gift Cards; Retailing: They work just like phone cards. But some consumer advocates complain that they can end up costing the recipients money.**

White, George  
Los Angeles Times (Los Angeles, CA, US) pC3  
PUBL DATE: 981030  
WORD COUNT: 496  
DATELINE: Los Angeles, CA, US, Pacific

TEXT:

...said Joe Enos, a spokesman for Old Navy.

Neiman Marcus is credited with creating the **electronic gift card** in 1994. The **retailer** --known for its expensive, not to say extravagant, merchandise--has actually sold cards with values...

14/3,K/11 (Item 11 from file: 635)  
DIALOG(R)File 635:Business Dateline(R)  
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0895776 98-56489

**Economic forecast for 1998: Retail**  
Anonymous  
Business Record-Syracuse (Syracuse, NY, US), V18 N4 p16  
PUBL DATE: 980201  
WORD COUNT: 1,099  
DATELINE: Syracuse, NY, US, Middle Atlantic

TEXT:

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...shops.

Technology is a factor as well. Ashkin predicts "more spending on goods, services and **gift certificates** via the Internet."

"The **retail** environment is constantly evolving," Ashkin says, in response to customer's wants.

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BOB...

14/3,K/12 (Item 1 from file: 570)  
DIALOG(R) File 570:Gale Group MARS(R)  
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01846239 Supplier Number: 58184007 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)  
**Mervyn's Gets Miffy For Infants/Toddlers.**  
Licensing Letter, v23, n22, pNA  
Dec 12, 1999  
ISSN: 8755-6235  
Language: English Record Type: Fulltext  
Document Type: Newsletter; Trade  
Word Count: 324

... the children's book "Olive The Other Reindeer" for this holiday season to adorn its **shopping** bags, catalog, **electronic gift certificates** and other materials. Fox Licensing and Merchandising also is working with Nordstrom to develop exclusive...

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14/3,K/13 (Item 2 from file: 570)  
DIALOG(R) File 570:Gale Group MARS(R)  
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01833975 Supplier Number: 58414580 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)  
**Retailers Say Use of Credit on the Rise. (Statistical Data Included)**  
Chain Store Age Executive with Shopping Center Age, v75, n12, p14A  
Dec, 1999  
ISSN: 0193-1199  
Language: English Record Type: Fulltext  
Article Type: Statistical Data Included  
Document Type: Magazine/Journal; Trade  
Word Count: 3779

... cards 47 1.44  
Having a full touchscreen 56 1.23  
Use of Loyalty Cards, **Electronic Gift Cards**  
and Wireless Devices

Store Type

All Retailers Discount Drug Supermarket Department  
Loyalty card program  
Have a program 31% 22...  
19991201

14/3,K/14 (Item 3 from file: 570)

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01829919 Supplier Number: 58180008 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)

**THE VALUE OF GIFT CARDS. (Statistical Data Included)**

Hickins, Michael

WWD, p25

Dec 8, 1999

ISSN: 0149-5380

Language: English Record Type: Fulltext

Article Type: Statistical Data Included

Document Type: Magazine/Journal; Trade

Word Count: 695

... Bros. have been available through GiftCertificates.com since late last year. Bensinger noted that the online gift certificate merchant has not only improved gift certificate sales in that period, but helped drive new customers...

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**14/3,K/15 (Item 4 from file: 570)**

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01826949 Supplier Number: 58135183 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)

**SEARS ONLINE SIGNUP.**

CardFAX, v1999, n232, pNA

Nov 30, 1999

Language: English Record Type: Fulltext

Document Type: Newsletter; Trade

Word Count: 61

(USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)

TEXT:

...to the Sears, Roebuck & Co. Web site can apply for a Sears Card and buy gift certificates online. The credit card application includes instant approval. The new functionality comes along with a general expansion of its...

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**14/3,K/16 (Item 5 from file: 570)**

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01824283 Supplier Number: 57903327 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)

**NEW YORK.**

ADWEEK Eastern Edition, v40, n47, p61

Nov 22, 1999

ISSN: 0199-2864

Language: English Record Type: Fulltext

Document Type: Magazine/Journal; Trade

Word Count: 1592

... in the fourth quarter on an ad campaign that breaks this month, featuring Sophia Loren. Shoppers can purchase gift certificates from the Web site for leading brand names in the retail, restaurant and travel industries, such as Saks...

19991122

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14/3,K/17 (Item 6 from file: 570)  
DIALOG(R)File 570:Gale Group MARS(R)  
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01823584 Supplier Number: 57604665 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)  
**Gift/debit cards. (Brief Article) (Statistical Data Included)**  
Discount Store News, v38, n21, p61  
Nov 8, 1999  
ISSN: 0012-3587  
Language: English Record Type: Fulltext  
Article Type: Brief Article Statistical Data Included  
Document Type: Magazine/Journal; Trade  
Word Count: 222

Musicland Stores ' electronic gift card , launched Nov. 1, is  
leading the way to the future of home entertainment video and...  
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14/3,K/18 (Item 7 from file: 570)  
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01821326 Supplier Number: 57647559 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)  
**BROOKS BROS DISCOVERS THE VALUE OF GIFT CARDS. (Statistical Data  
Included) (Brief Article)**  
HICKINS, MICHAEL  
Daily News Record, p22  
Nov 17, 1999  
ISSN: 1041-1119  
Language: English Record Type: Fulltext  
Article Type: Statistical Data Included Brief Article  
Document Type: Magazine/Journal; General Trade  
Word Count: 485

... Brothers have been available through GiftCertificates.com since  
late last year. Bensinger noted that the on -line gift certificate  
merchant has not only improved gift certificate sales over that period,  
but also helped drive new...  
19991117

14/3,K/19 (Item 8 from file: 570)  
DIALOG(R)File 570:Gale Group MARS(R)  
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01811099 Supplier Number: 56646128 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)  
**ONLINE SITES FIND NEW WAYS TO ENCOURAGE TEEN SHOPPERS; GIFT CARDS, CREDIT  
ACCOUNTS AMONG INCENTIVES TO SPUR TEENS INTO SPENDING EVEN  
MORE. (Statistical Data Included)**  
Young, Vicki M.  
Daily News Record, p16  
Oct 18, 1999  
ISSN: 1041-1119  
Language: English Record Type: Fulltext  
Article Type: Statistical Data Included  
Document Type: Magazine/Journal; General Trade  
Word Count: 1167

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... hoping to capture more of the billions teens spend each year, are giving Generation Y **shoppers** additional options to encourage apparel purchases online.

Some of those options include stored-value **gift cards**, **online credit accounts** funded by parents and **online gift certificates**. And there will be more options available as companies develop creative twists on existing products...just beginning to help us make sales."

Another e-commerce option is Flooz.com, an **online gift certificate** site. Gift givers use their **credit card** to purchase denominated certificates, which are sent to the recipient through e-mail. Recipients can...

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14/3,K/20 (Item 9 from file: 570)  
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01810611 Supplier Number: 56471776 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)

**TEENS' ONLINE SHOPPING OPTIONS.**

Young, Vicki M.

WWD, p13

Oct 14, 1999

ISSN: 0149-5380

Language: English Record Type: Fulltext

Document Type: Magazine/Journal; Trade

Word Count: 1260

... capture more of the billions of dollars teens spend each year, are giving Generation Y **shoppers** additional options to encourage apparel purchases online.

Some of those options include stored-value **gift cards**, **online credit accounts** funded by parents and **online gift certificates**. And there will be more options available as companies develop creative twists on existing products...

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14/3,K/21 (Item 10 from file: 570)  
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01808486 Supplier Number: 56701281 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)

**It's Whoopi Everywhere As Goldberg & Flooz Team Up 10/19/99 >BY Sherman  
Fridman.**

Newsbytes PM, pNA

Oct 19, 1999

Language: English Record Type: Fulltext

Document Type: Newswire; Trade

Word Count: 532

... that Flooz is an innovative, online way to give gifts, or what is essentially an **online gift certificate**.

Consumers purchase Flooz with a **credit card** via an online secured transaction. The amount of Flooz purchased is then deposited into the...

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14/3,K/22 (Item 11 from file: 570)

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01807290 Supplier Number: 56229608 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)

**Gift certificates usher in holiday promos.**

Discount Store News, v38, n19, p17

Oct 4, 1999

ISSN: 0012-3587

Language: English Record Type: Fulltext

Document Type: Magazine/Journal; Trade

Word Count: 276

... joining the bandwagon of retailers that want part of the gift certificate action. The catalog **retailer** recently hired on -line **gift certificate** provider ExpressGold to provide it with **Internet** incentive **business gift certificate** services.

Chumbo.com, an on-line seller of software, computer related books and DVDs, recently announced the availability of **electronic gift certificates** at its on -line **store**. And to celebrate the premier of the added feature, Chumbo said it would offer free...

19991004

14/3,K/23 (Item 12 from file: 570)

DIALOG(R)File 570:Gale Group MARS(R)

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01802412 Supplier Number: 55911549 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)

**NEIMAN MARCUS PITS GIFT CARDS ONLINE; NEW AGREEMENT WITH**

**GIFTCERTIFICATES.COM WILL HELP RETAILER BROADEN DEMOGRAPHIC BASE.**

Hickins, Michael

Daily News Record, p7

Sept 15, 1999

ISSN: 1041-1119

Language: English Record Type: Fulltext

Document Type: Magazine/Journal; General Trade

Word Count: 709

... exclusive, two-year agreement with cyber-start-up GiftCertificates.com that will make its prepaid **gift certificates** available to **online shoppers** for the first time beginning this week. Until now, the cards have not even been...

19990915

14/3,K/24 (Item 13 from file: 570)

DIALOG(R)File 570:Gale Group MARS(R)

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01798917 Supplier Number: 55781950 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)

**Marketing Excellence: Leasing to Your Audience. (Statistical Data Included)**

Chain Store Age Executive with Shopping Center Age, v75, n9, p144

Sept, 1999

ISSN: 0193-1199

Language: English Record Type: Fulltext

Article Type: Statistical Data Included

Document Type: Magazine/Journal; Trade

Word Count: 1765

... viewed during a user session. In 1998, the Jacobs Group sold

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\$100,000 worth of **mall gift certificates on line** .

Jones Lang LaSalle has a comparable Internet presence for communicating with retailers as well as  
**19990901**

**14/3,K/25 (Item 14 from file: 570)**

DIALOG(R)File 570:Gale Group MARS(R)

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01773223 Supplier Number: 55089995 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)

**Be Free.**

Brandweek, v40, n25, p32

June 21, 1999

ISSN: 1064-4318

Language: English Record Type: Fulltext

Document Type: Magazine/Journal; Trade

Word Count: 90

(USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)

TEXT:

...for handheld computing; GetSmart, an online marketplace for consumer and business borrowing; Giftpoint.com, an **Internet gift certificate store** ; Global Sports Connection, a sports betting site; Jardine Foods, a specialty gourmet foods provider; Livephonecard...

**19990621**

**14/3,K/26 (Item 15 from file: 570)**

DIALOG(R)File 570:Gale Group MARS(R)

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01764246 Supplier Number: 54842711 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)

**Developerinfo.com.**

Knight, Mary Beth

Chain Store Age Executive with Shopping Center Age, v75, n6, p126

June, 1999

ISSN: 0193-1199

Language: English Record Type: Fulltext

Document Type: Magazine/Journal; Trade

Word Count: 785

... to ShopYourMall for information about individual malls in the developer's portfolio or to purchase **mall gift certificates on line** . In just over a year, the site produced sales of \$100,000 worth of certificates...

**19990601**

**14/3,K/27 (Item 16 from file: 570)**

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01723329 Supplier Number: 53675945 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)

**Net Worth.**

O'Leary, Noreen

Brandweek, v40, n3, pIQ 8(1)

Jan 18, 1999

ISSN: 1064-4318

Language: English Record Type: Fulltext



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Document Type: Magazine/Journal; Trade  
Word Count: 1125

... I shop on the Internet?' queries to requests for gift ideas. Other new services offer e-mail gift certificates and shopping agents which search for the best price. Lands' End allows shoppers to type in their...

19990118

14/3,K/28 (Item 17 from file: 570)  
DIALOG(R)File 570:Gale Group MARS(R)  
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01714441 Supplier Number: 53704443 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)  
**INTERNET TURNS UP HOLIDAY VOLUME.**  
WWD, p2(1)  
Dec 15, 1998  
ISSN: 0149-5380  
Language: English Record Type: Fulltext  
Document Type: Magazine/Journal; Trade  
Word Count: 1711

... avoid the mall crunch.  
Take 1-800-Present.com, for example, which by phone and online sells gift certificates from 30 businesses, including Saks Fifth Avenue, Bath & Body Works, Brooks Bros., Joan & David, American Eagle Outfitters, American...  
19981215

14/3,K/29 (Item 18 from file: 570)  
DIALOG(R)File 570:Gale Group MARS(R)  
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01712742 Supplier Number: 53535371  
**For the shopping impaired. (C/Base Inc. of Conshohocken, Pennsylvania offers Web gift certificates) (Abstract)**  
Von Bergen, Jane M.  
Philadelphia Inquirer (PA), pC1(2)  
Dec 4, 1998  
ISSN: 0885-6613  
Language: English Record Type: Abstract  
Article Type: Abstract  
Document Type: Newspaper; Trade

ABSTRACT:  
C/Base Inc (Conshohocken, PA) offers Internet -shopping gift certificates that can be used at any online retailer. Purchases made with the Webcertificate go through...  
19981204

14/3,K/30 (Item 19 from file: 570)  
DIALOG(R)File 570:Gale Group MARS(R)  
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01708259 Supplier Number: 53415367 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)  
**Reel. corn Aims To Ease Video Gift-Giving This Season.**  
Fitzpatrick, Eileen

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Billboard, p72(1)  
Nov 21, 1998  
ISSN: 0006-2510  
Language: English Record Type: Fulltext  
Document Type: Magazine/Journal; General  
Word Count: 697

... gift giving," says Rochlin.

Reel.com will also be running various incentive programs, including an "electronic gift certificate," which would bank specific dollar amounts into the recipient's online account. Meanwhile, the company reports that it has more than tripled its customer base from last...

19981121

14/3,K/31 (Item 20 from file: 570)

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01703087 Supplier Number: 53251468 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)

**HIGH-TECH GIFT CARDS.**

Chain Store Age Executive with Shopping Center Age, p62(1)

Nov, 1998

ISSN: 0193-1199

Language: English Record Type: Fulltext

Document Type: Magazine/Journal; Trade

Word Count: 110

(USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)

TEXT:

Looking to squeeze more dollars out of the holiday season, Federated Department Stores has rolled out electronic gift certificates in each of its divisions. The cards, imprinted with magnetic strips and barcodes, are in...

19981101

14/3,K/32 (Item 21 from file: 570)

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01532872 Supplier Number: 46140847

**CES/NaBanco's Elect. Card Concept Charts New Markets**

DM News, p1

Feb 12, 1996

ISSN: 0194-3588

Language: English Record Type: Abstract

Document Type: Magazine/Journal; Trade

ABSTRACT:

...their not getting paid. The service will also attract non-credit card holders. Blockbuster Video stores tested the cards for three months and has continued using it. The electronic gift certificate looks and works like the common credit card. It is sold in retail stores in predetermined amounts. ...

19960212

14/3,K/33 (Item 22 from file: 570)

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01529749 Supplier Number: 46083644 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)  
**VIDEO NOTES: Blockbuster Video has given its advertising account to N.Y.'s  
Young & Rubicam**  
Video Week, v17, n4, pN/A  
Jan 22, 1996  
ISSN: 0196-5905  
Language: English Record Type: Fulltext  
Document Type: Newsletter; Trade  
Word Count: 176

... In other Blockbuster  
news, company has joined with CES/NaBanco, world's largest  
processor of **merchant credit card** services, to offer **electronic**  
**"gift card"** for Blockbuster Video, Music and Discovery Zone  
FunCenter locations. Card was tested over holiday season...  
**19960122**

**14/3,K/34 (Item 23 from file: 570)**  
DIALOG(R) File 570:Gale Group MARS(R)  
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01529270 Supplier Number: 46078667 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)  
**Blockbuster Pitches Retailers On Electronic Gift Certificate**  
Video Store, p8  
Jan 21, 1996  
ISSN: 0195-1750  
Language: English Record Type: Fulltext  
Document Type: Magazine/Journal; Trade  
Word Count: 278

**Blockbuster Pitches Retailers On Electronic Gift Certificate**  
**19960121**

**14/3,K/35 (Item 1 from file: 146)**  
DIALOG(R) File 146:Washington Post Online  
(c) 2001 Washington Post. All rts. reserv.

4296404  
**Net Firms' Drive Could Reach Ad-Infinitum**  
The Washington Post, December 11, 1999, L Edition  
By: By David Streitfeld, Washington Post Staff Writer  
Section: A SECTION, p. A01  
Line Count: 151 Word Count: 1661

**1999**

... spokesperson (Sophia Loren); it has a bunch of similarly named  
competitors that also sell consumers **gift certificates** for **online** and  
offline **merchants** (Giftpoint.com, GiftSpot.com).

Lee started using the billboard trucks because he couldn't get...

**14/3,K/36 (Item 2 from file: 146)**  
DIALOG(R) File 146:Washington Post Online  
(c) 2001 Washington Post. All rts. reserv.

Search report

4285583

TECH THURSDAY .COM -Online, It Ain't Easy Being Me  
The Washington Post, October 14, 1999, L Edition  
By: By Leslie Walker  
Section: FINANCIAL, p. E01  
Line Count: 89 Word Count: 985

1999

... As they spend more time online, people will want a single place for managing their **Web** coupons, receipts, **gift certificates**, e-mail **accounts** and services yet to come.

The unnerving part is that once the software wizards figure...

14/3,K/37 (Item 3 from file: 146)  
DIALOG(R) File 146:Washington Post Online  
(c) 2001 Washington Post. All rts. reserv.

4231648

**In Line, Online or On Hold, Late Shoppers Pay a Price**  
The Washington Post, December 22, 1998, L Edition  
By: By Stephanie Stoughton, Sarah Schafer, Washington Post Staff Writers  
Section: A SECTION, p. A01  
Line Count: 121 Word Count: 1331

1998

... Herndon, overcame his tendency to procrastinate and did his cyber-shopping last week, buying 20 **gift certificates** at online book **retailer** Amazon.com and then e-mailing them to his employees.

"I usually wait until two...

14/3,K/38 (Item 4 from file: 146)  
DIALOG(R) File 146:Washington Post Online  
(c) 2001 Washington Post. All rts. reserv.

4230803

**WWW.WORTH IT -Gift Basket**  
The Washington Post, December 18, 1998, L Edition  
Section: STYLE PLUS, p. N82  
Line Count: 12 Word Count: 139

1998

... at least it can help you stress out more efficiently. Behind on your last-minute **shopping** ? Tysons Corner sells **gift certificates** online  
<[http:// www shoptysons](http://www.shoptyson.com) .

14/3,K/39 (Item 1 from file: 492)  
DIALOG(R) File 492:Arizona Repub/Phoenix Gaz  
(c) 2001 Phoenix Newspapers. All rts. reserv.

10358069

**SHOPPERS GO OFFLINE, HIT MALLS ONLINE WOES DRIVING RUSH**

Search report

Arizona (AR)  
)- Friday, December 24, 1999  
By: Glen Creno, The Arizona Republic  
Edition: Final Chaser Section: Business Page: E1  
Word Count: 577

1999

... like Jcrew.com promised Christmas Day delivery on certain orders placed today. But many e- **retailers** were touting **electronic gift certificates** for last-minute **shoppers**.

With Internet stores virtually locked up, bleary-eyed Net surfers were forced to drop out...

14/3,K/40 (Item 2 from file: 492)  
DIALOG(R) File 492:Arizona Repub/Phoenix Gaz  
(c) 2001 Phoenix Newspapers. All rts. reserv.

10096109

**FEW MERCHANTS ALLOW STORE-ONLINE CROSSOVER**  
Arizona Republic (AR) - Tuesday, April 6, 1999  
By: Rachel Beck, Associated Press  
Edition: Final Chaser Section: Business Page: E2  
Word Count: 331

1999

TEXT:

...for Christmas and now want to use them to buy new things for spring. Do **merchants** accept the same **gift certificates** online as they do at their stores?

ANSWER: Many merchants don't allow any crossover between...

14/3,K/41 (Item 3 from file: 492)  
DIALOG(R) File 492:Arizona Repub/Phoenix Gaz  
(c) 2001 Phoenix Newspapers. All rts. reserv.

09855074

**SILICON STOCKING STUFFERS FOR TECHNOPHILES**  
Arizona Republic (AR) - Monday, December 21, 1998  
By: Peter H. Lewis, New York Times  
Edition: Final Chaser Section: Business Computing Page: E1  
Word Count: 1,196

1998

Truly last-minute **shoppers** can buy **electronic gift certificates** online and have them delivered to the recipient by e-mail on Christmas Day.

But do...

14/3,K/42 (Item 4 from file: 492)  
DIALOG(R) File 492:Arizona Repub/Phoenix Gaz  
(c) 2001 Phoenix Newspapers. All rts. reserv.

Search report

09837084

**THE LATEST PERFECT GIFT: E-CARD SHOPPING SPREE**

Arizona Republic (AR) - Thursday, December 3, 1998

By: Lisa Cornwell, Associated Press

Edition: Final Chaser Section: Business Page: D1

Word Count: 496

1998

**CAPTION:**

Neiman Marcus has been offering **electronic gift cards** since 1994. The **retailer**'s cards are tailored to holidays and occasions.

14/3,K/43 (Item 5 from file: 492)

DIALOG(R)File 492:Arizona Repub/Phoenix Gaz

(c) 2001 Phoenix Newspapers. All rts. reserv.

08132240

**MOTHERS WANT SIMPLE GIFTS**

Arizona Republic/Phoenix Gazette (AZ) - FRIDAY, May 12, 1995

By: Angela Rabago-Mussi, Staff writer

Edition: Final Section: Scottsdale/Foothills Community Page: 4

Word Count: 468

1995

...still have doubts about the perfect gift, Neiman Marcus offers a special Mother's Day **electronic gift certificate** so mom can pick out her present. The cards work like pre-paid **credit cards** and are decorated with a picture of a mother's hand holding a baby's...

14/3,K/44 (Item 1 from file: 494)

DIALOG(R)File 494:St LouisPost-Dispatch

(c) 2001 St Louis Post-Dispatch. All rts. reserv.

10311231

**WHAT CAN I GET FOR?**

St. Louis Post Dispatch (SL) - Sunday, November 7, 1999

Edition: FIVE STAR LIFT Section: HELP@HOME Page: E8

Word Count: 601

1999

**TEXT:**

About \$25

An **electronic gift certificate** that works like a **credit card** at Zales Jewelers, which sells watches and jewelry

Instead of a gift certificate, give a...

14/3,K/45 (Item 2 from file: 494)

DIALOG(R)File 494:St LouisPost-Dispatch

(c) 2001 St Louis Post-Dispatch. All rts. reserv.

09812044

Search report

**MONEY NEWS TO USE**

St. Louis Post Dispatch (SL) - Sunday, November 8, 1998  
Edition: FIVE STAR LIFT Section: BUSINESS Page: E1  
Word Count: 163

**1998**

...allow the store to keep the unused balance.

Neiman Marcus is credited with creating the **electronic gift card** in 1994. The **retailer** -- known for its extravagant and expensive merchandise -- has actually sold cards with values in the...

**14/3,K/46 (Item 1 from file: 630)**  
DIALOG(R)File 630:Los Angeles Times  
(c) 2001 Los Angeles Times. All rts. reserv.

01488245 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)  
**Toys R Us Warns Customers Orders May Not Beat Santa**  
**Internet: Company says unexpected Web sales volume caught it off guard and offers to compensate for tardiness.**  
ABIGAIL GOLDMAN, TIMES STAFF WRITER  
Los Angeles Times , Home Edition ed, colC, p1  
Thursday December 23, 1999  
SECTION HEADING: Financial Desk  
WORD COUNT: 733

**1999**

... with its plans.  
The New Jersey-based chain told customers they would receive a \$100 **gift certificate** , good either **online** or in its **stores** , if the promised items don't arrive on time. The company also said customers could...

**14/3,K/47 (Item 2 from file: 630)**  
DIALOG(R)File 630:Los Angeles Times  
(c) 2001 Los Angeles Times. All rts. reserv.

01481443 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)  
**Makin' a List**  
**Notable Southlanders reveal the gifts they're buying--and what they treasure from holidays past.**  
MICHAEL QUINTANILLA; CANDACE A. WEDLAN, TIMES STAFF WRITERS  
Los Angeles Times , Home Edition ed, colE, p1  
Friday December 3, 1999  
SECTION HEADING: View Desk  
WORD COUNT: 1249

**1999**

... and a robe. For co-workers: champagne, gourmet gift baskets, body lotions, creams and spa **gift certificates** ."  
**Cyber shopping** ? "My daughter will help me with that. She's already ordered a couple of things...

**14/3,K/48 (Item 3 from file: 630)**  
DIALOG(R)File 630:Los Angeles Times  
(c) 2001 Los Angeles Times. All rts. reserv.

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01475449 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)

**VENTURA COUNTY BUSINESS**

**Salsa Bar Chain on Hot Streak**

**Home-Grown Baja Fresh Expands Base, Plans 40 New Locations**

MATT SURMAN, TIMES STAFF WRITER

Los Angeles Times , Ventura County Edition ed, colB, p1

Tuesday November 16, 1999

SECTION HEADING: Zones Desk

WORD COUNT: 668

1999

... offer them more."

\*

**INTERNET SHOPPING**

PrimeLight fashion network selects Westlake Village firm to develop its Internet -based gift certificate program. B4

\* MORE BUSINESS NEWS, B4-6

14/3,K/49 (Item 4 from file: 630)

DIALOG(R)File 630:Los Angeles Times

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01377455 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)

**Fashionable SoCal**

**Stores and Web Sites: The Twain Rarely Meet**

RACHEL BECK, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Los Angeles Times , Home Edition ed, colE, p3

Friday March 26, 1999

DOCUMENT TYPE: Wire

SECTION HEADING: View Desk

WORD COUNT: 281

(USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)

1999

**TEXT:**

...for Christmas and now want to use them to buy new things for spring. Do merchants accept the same gift certificates online as they do at their stores?

Answer: Many merchants don't allow any crossover between...

14/3,K/50 (Item 5 from file: 630)

DIALOG(R)File 630:Los Angeles Times

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01364703 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)

**Page 2 / NEWS, TRENDS, GOSSIP AND STUFF TO DO**

**Here and Now**

**It's the Gift Certificate That Keeps on Giving**

JANET KINOSIAN

Los Angeles Times , Home Edition ed, colE, p2

Monday February 15, 1999

SECTION HEADING: View Desk

WORD COUNT: 288

(USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)



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1999

TEXT:

...Chanel to Tower Records and Macy's now have what are being termed EGCs, or **electronic gift certificates**.

With the look of a **credit card**, many stores prefer to use these plastic certificates instead of the old paper ones because they are...

14/3,K/51 (Item 6 from file: 630)

DIALOG(R)File 630:Los Angeles Times

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01359257 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)

**CALIFORNIA / News and Insight on Business in the Golden State**

**Web Communities Offer Move-In Specials.**

**Internet: Home-page hosts are using free space, software, gifts to steal away one another's members.**

P.J. HUFFSTUTTER, TIMES STAFF WRITER

Los Angeles Times, Home Edition ed, colC, p2

Friday January 29, 1999

SECTION HEADING: Financial Desk

WORD COUNT: 442

(USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)

1999

TEXT:

...pages to the Warners Bros. site with props used in Warner's shows or perhaps **gift certificates** to its online store, said Jim Moloshok, president of Warner Bros. Online.

Move to the Go Network, and enjoy...

14/3,K/52 (Item 7 from file: 630)

DIALOG(R)File 630:Los Angeles Times

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01342796 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)

**HEARD ON THE BEAT / Orange County**

**Firms on Web Recycle Ideas on Selling, Giving**

**Marketing: In dressing old concepts in new clothes, some offer gift certificates, some give a share of sales to various causes.**

JONATHAN GAW, TIMES STAFF WRITER

Los Angeles Times, Orange County Edition ed, colC, p1

Monday December 7, 1998

SECTION HEADING: Financial Desk

WORD COUNT: 313

1998

...retailers such as Disney, Amazon.com, ESPN.com, Barnesandnoble.com and

Corona del Mar-based **Shopping.com** offer online **gift certificates** that can

be e-mailed to the recipient and spent online.

Again, the Internet takes...

Search report

14/3,K/53 (Item 8 from file: 630)  
DIALOG(R)File 630:Los Angeles Times  
(c) 2001 Los Angeles Times. All rts. reserv.

01341720 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)

**Department Stores Dabble Online but Stay Wary of the Web Shopping: Products they offer pose unique challenges that both hinder their move to the Net and protect them from upstart rivals.**

JONATHAN GAW, TIMES STAFF WRITER

Los Angeles Times , Home Edition ed, colC, pl . . .

Friday December 4, 1998

DOCUMENT TYPE: Infobox

SECTION HEADING: Financial Desk

WORD COUNT: 1379

(USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)

1998

TEXT:

...s criteria, the wizard--instead of suggesting a related or comparable product--always recommends a **gift certificate** .

While other **online retailers** promise next-day shipping, Bloomingdale's Web site tells customers they have to order by...

14/3,K/54 (Item 9 from file: 630)  
DIALOG(R)File 630:Los Angeles Times  
(c) 2001 Los Angeles Times. All rts. reserv.

01329622 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)

**Stores Come Calling With Prepaid Gift Cards**

**Retailing: They work just like phone cards. But some consumer advocates complain that they can end up costing the recipients money.**

GEORGE WHITE, TIMES STAFF WRITER

Los Angeles Times , Home Edition ed, colC, p3

Friday October 30, 1998

SECTION HEADING: Financial Desk

WORD COUNT: 404

1998

... said Joe Enos, a spokesman for Old Navy.

Neiman Marcus is credited with creating the **electronic gift card** in

1994. The **retailer** --known for its expensive, not to say extravagant, merchandise--has actually sold cards with values...

14/3,K/55 (Item 1 from file: 631) Cards  
DIALOG(R)File 631:Boston Globe  
(c) 2001 Boston Globe. All rts. reserv.

10339006

**CURRENCY EVENT**

Boston Globe (BG) - Sunday, December 5, 1999

By: By- Diane Daniel

Edition: THIRD Section: Magazine Page: 55

Word Count: 124

1999

Search report

Newsday (ND) - Sunday November 28, 1999  
By: Elaine Wu. STAFF WRITER  
Edition: ALL EDITIONS Section: NEWS Page: A08  
Word Count: 767

1999

...the only company getting a piece of this pie. Webcertificate.com in Conshohocken, Pa., sells **gift certificates** for **online stores**. It works like an **online credit card**, so **shoppers** can use it at any **store** on the Web. The gift recipient gets an e-mail with an account number and...

14/3,K/61 (Item 3 from file: 638)  
DIALOG(R)File 638:Newsday/New York Newsday  
(c) 2001 Newsday Inc. All rts. reserv.

10307118

**TECH TODAY**

Newsday (ND) - Wednesday November 3, 1999  
By: Reuters, Bloomberg News  
Edition: NASSAU AND SUFFOLK Section: BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY Page: A63  
Word Count: 328

1999

...popular Web destination, will offer this season. Some retailers fear such comparisons will hurt their **business**.

The eShop site even allows shoppers to compare retailers' warranties and return policies, and provides **gift certificates** and an "electronic wallet," eliminating the need to input **credit card** information with every purchase.

-Reuters Bringing Home the Bacon Online grocery store HomeGrocer.com has...

14/3,K/62 (Item 4 from file: 638)  
DIALOG(R)File 638:Newsday/New York Newsday  
(c) 2001 Newsday Inc. All rts. reserv.

10298123

**WASHINGTON REPORT / Web Travel With 'Persona' Organizers**

Newsday (ND) - Monday October 25, 1999  
By: Leslie Walker. THE WASHINGTON POST. Walker's e-mail address iswalkerl@washpost.com  
Edition: ALL EDITIONS Section: BUSINESS Page: C11  
Word Count: 823

1999

...As they spend more time online, people will want a single place for managing their **Web** coupons, receipts, **gift certificates**, **e-mail** accounts and services yet to come.

Search report

The unnerving part is that once the software wizards figure...

14/3,K/63 (Item 5 from file: 638)  
DIALOG(R)File 638:Newsday/New York Newsday  
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09831056

**Touting Plastic Over Paper / Stores try to boost sales with gift cards**  
Newsday (ND) - Friday November 27, 1998  
By: LOS ANGELES TIMES  
Edition: ALL EDITIONS Section: BUSINESS Page: A67  
Word Count: 542

1998

...said Joe Enos, a spokesman for Old Navy.

Neiman Marcus is credited with creating the **electronic gift card** in 1994. The **retailer**, known for its extravagant and expensive merchandise, has sold cards with values in the \$100...

14/3,K/64 (Item 1 from file: 640)  
DIALOG(R)File 640:San Francisco Chronicle  
(c) 2001 Chronicle Publ. Co. All rts. reserv.

10357076

**TRUMP CARDS PROCRASTINATORS REJOICE OVER EASY-TO-SEND E-MAIL HOLIDAY GREETINGS**  
San Francisco Chronicle (SF) - THURSDAY, December 23, 1999  
By: Carrie Kirby, Chronicle Staff Writer  
Edition: FINAL Section: BUSINESS Page: B1  
Word Count: 1,284

1999

...participating online merchants

-- AOL.com Last-Minute Gifts, shop.aol.com/lastminute

Some AOL.com merchants will e-mail gift certificates, while others send via express mail.

-- Flooz, www.flooz.com

E-mails a gift certificate...

14/3,K/65 (Item 2 from file: 640)  
DIALOG(R)File 640:San Francisco Chronicle  
(c) 2001 Chronicle Publ. Co. All rts. reserv.

10249051

**INTERNET 'WALLETS' FOR TEENS**  
San Francisco Chronicle (SF) - MONDAY, September 6, 1999  
By: Steve Ginsberg, Chronicle Staff Writer  
Edition: FINAL Section: BUSINESS Page: C1  
Word Count: 1,302

Search report

1999

...they leave home."

She said it's difficult for teens to get their own checking accounts , and DoughNet is a close substitute. She also uses it as a **virtual gift certificate** for grandparents.

Nathan says he's now making 75 percent of his purchases online, mostly...

14/3,K/66 (Item 1 from file: 702)  
DIALOG(R)File 702:Miami Herald  
(c) 2001 The Miami Herald Publishing Co. All rts. reserv.

08846019

**THESE GREAT GIFT IDEAS TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE**  
Miami Herald (MH) - Wednesday, December 11, 1996  
By: LIZ DOUP, Herald Staff Writer  
Edition: Final Section: Living Page: 2D  
Word Count: 1,036

1996

...Grove, 3390 Mary St. Call (305) 447-1655.

Cost: \$60

Available :Tiffany's/Bal Harbour **Shops** , 9700 Collins Ave., (305) 864-1801 and bookstores.

\* Christmas Cards: The charge-it kind. **Electronic gift cards** from Neiman Marcus act like **credit cards** , prepaid by the giver. The card has pictures of different designers and their merchandise. Shoppers...

14/3,K/67 (Item 1 from file: 703)  
DIALOG(R)File 703:USA Today  
(c) 2001 USA Today. All rts. reserv.

08652984

**Need an instant present? Get gift certificates on line**  
USA TODAY (US) - THURSDAY December 24, 1998  
By: Lorrie Grant  
Edition: FINAL Section: MONEY Page: 01B  
Word Count: 229

1998

...for out-of-print titles.

Electronic retailers have nudged in on all aspects of traditional **retailing Virtual gift certificates** are no exception.

**Retailers** like selling gift certificates because recipients who redeem them often end up buying something else...

14/3,K/68 (Item 1 from file: 704)  
DIALOG(R)File 704:(Portland)The Oregonian

Search report

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09837137

**NEIMAN MARCUS**

Oregonian (PO) - Thursday, December 3, 1998

Edition: SUNRISE Section: PICTURE CAPTION Page: D02

Word Count: 29

1998

**CAPTION:**

...photo by AL BEHRMAN/Associated Press

Neiman Marcus is widely credited as being the first **retailer** to adopt **electronic gift card** technology, which replaced gift certificates.  
Status: Archive

14/3,K/69 (Item 2 from file: 704)

DIALOG(R) File 704:(Portland)The Oregonian

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05673192

**ART EXHIBIT, SALE PLANNED**

OREGONIAN (PO) - FRIDAY June 22, 1990

Edition: FOURTH Section: EAST ZONER MID COUNTY Page: D02

Word Count: 161

1990

...auctioned include sporting equipment, trips, vacation packages, jewelry, coins, hardware items, restaurant dinners, gourmet foods, **merchant gift certificates**, **electronic** products, crafts, personal care products, and automobile and office services.

Proceeds will benefit the Mt...

14/3,K/70 (Item 1 from file: 713)

DIALOG(R) File 713:Atlanta J/Const.

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10317076

**BUSINESS IN BRIEF**

Atlanta Journal-CONSTITUTION (AJ-CONSTITUTION) - Saturday, November 13, 1999

By: Staff and news services

Edition: Home Section: Business Page: D3

Document Type: Brief

Word Count: 665

1999

... Blomeley Jr. was named senior vice president, system performance. ALSO  
NOTEWORTHY: Home Depot started selling **store gift cards** on its **Web** site at [www.homedepot.com](http://www.homedepot.com). The Atlanta-based retailer said the card launch will help...

14/3,K/71 (Item 1 from file: 725)

DIALOG(R) File 725:(Cleveland)Plain Dealer

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10032010

**ADDING UP PROS AND CONS OF PREPAID GIFT CARDS**

Plain Dealer (Cleveland) (PD) - Monday, February 1, 1999

By: PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

Edition: FINAL / ALL Section: PERSONAL FINANCE Page: 2C

Word Count: 377

**1999**

**TEXT:**

Just a year ago, hardly anyone had heard of them. Now, prepaid **gift cards** - the **electronic** replacement for paper gift certificates - are popping up everywhere. **Credit card** issuers, a slew of national chains and lots of small stores all offer them.

Gift...

**14/3,K/72 (Item 1 from file: 47)**

DIALOG(R)File 47:Gale Group Magazine DB(TM)

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**Cars, sleighs, planes, etc. (Brief Article)**

Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine, 53; 12, 32

Dec, 1999

DOCUMENT TYPE: Brief Article ISSN: 1056-697X LANGUAGE: English

RECORD TYPE: Fulltext

WORD COUNT: 269 LINE COUNT: 00023

... 000 every day or lose it. To enter, just register at the site, which sells **gift certificates** for **shopping online**.

DON'T GET TOO EXCITED about the 12-point customer-service plan announced by the...

Search report

... e-mail to the recipient, complete with a personalized message. The person can use the **Web gift certificate** at any **online merchant**.

Because the purchase is funneled through C/Base's banking system, to the merchant the...

... online sale, thus eliminating the need to enroll the whole World Wide Web of online **retailers** in the program...

**Webcertificate** will e-mail the recipient when the certificate is about to expire, a year after its purchase. The...

14/3,K/58 (Item 3 from file: 633)  
DIALOG(R)File 633:Phil.Inquirer  
(c) 2001 Philadelphia Newspapers Inc. All rts. reserv.

09838076

**RETAILERS USE INTERNET TO LURE HOLIDAY SHOPPERS INSTEAD OF FIGHTING THE NET, THEY USE IT AS A MARKETING TOOL.**

Philadelphia Inquirer (PI) - Friday, December 4, 1998  
By: Mary Anne Janco, INQUIRER CORRESPONDENT  
Edition: C Section: NEIGHBORS Page: B01  
Word Count: 650

1998

... said that this year, for the first time, shoppers will be able to order a **mall -wide gift certificate online** at **www .shopping .com** In addition to the traditional Santa photos at the mall, parents can buy a...

14/3,K/59 (Item 1 from file: 638)  
DIALOG(R)File 638:Newsday/New York Newsday  
(c) 2001 Newsday Inc. All rts. reserv.

10354087

**TECHNOLOGY / TECH TODAY**

Newsday (ND) - Monday December 20, 1999  
By: The Washington Post; Dow Jones News  
Edition: ALL EDITIONS Section: BUSINESS Page: C05  
Word Count: 339

1999

...spokeswoman (Sophia Loren); it has a bunch of similarly named competitors that also sell consumers **gift certificates** for **online** and **offline merchants** (Giftpoint.com, GiftSpot.com).

Jonas Lee, the chief executive of GiftCertificates.com, started using billboard...

14/3,K/60 (Item 2 from file: 638)  
DIALOG(R)File 638:Newsday/New York Newsday  
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10332082

**OK, Take That / In unsure times, a gift-certificate boom**



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that Flooz.com provides **online gift certificates** for **Web** merchants. Mentions that 20 percent of Clear Commerce customers are taking advantage of the QuickStart...

1999

10/3,K/4 (Item 2 from file: 233)  
DIALOG(R)File 233:Internet & Personal Comp. Abs.  
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00513484 98CW11-103

**Web slow to target gift buyers**

Machlis, Sharon

Computerworld , November 9, 1998 , v32 n45 p1, 16, 2 Page(s)

ISSN: 0010-4841

Company Name: Jupiter Communications; National Retail Federation; Deloitte & Touche

... for shoppers and do not offer basic features such as gift wrapping, gift registries, and **online gift certificates** . Reports a National Retail Federation survey conducted by Deloitte & Touche in New York estimates Internet...

1998

10/3,K/5 (Item 3 from file: 233)  
DIALOG(R)File 233:Internet & Personal Comp. Abs.  
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00513163 98LK11-012

**Postcards from route 28.8**

Prochnow, Dave

LINK-UP , November 1, 1998 , v15 n6 p10, 1 Page(s)

ISSN: 0739-988X

Company Name: giftpoint.com; Wolferman's; Apple Creek Tree & Wreath; garden.com

URL: <http://www.giftpoint.com> <http://www.wolfermans.com> <http://www.nemaine.com/wtm> <http://www.garden.com>

...ROUTE 28.8 column spotlights four electronic commerce Web sites. Says that giftpoint.com offers **gift certificates** for national, **Internet** , mail order, and local retailers, and includes a membership program and corporate gift program. Notes...

1998

10/3,K/6 (Item 4 from file: 233)  
DIALOG(R)File 233:Internet & Personal Comp. Abs.  
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**Free stuff on the Internet -- Keep in touch**

Fister, Sarah

Online Access , July 1, 1996 , v11 n7 p37, 1 Page(s)

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... Phone Card, which offers a 10-minute phone card in exchange for completing a (lengthy) **electronic** survey; MCI **Gift Certificates** , which periodically offers \$9 gift certificates for U.S. calls; Trumble Greetings Cards, which offers...

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Word Count: 410

... Blue Dog" galleries in Carmel, New Orleans, Munich, and Tokyo.  
Neiman Marcus was the first **retailer** to introduce the **electronic gift certificate**, in the form of the Neiman Marcus Gift Card, in 1994. The size of a **credit card**, available in any denomination and able to be 'reloaded' with additional dollars, these cards made...  
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**Neiman Marcus Offers Two Smart Solutions for Corporate Gift-Giving: The Corporate Gift Card and 1998 Neiman Marcus Gift Book.**  
PR Newswire, p5545  
Oct 7, 1998  
Language: English Record Type: Fulltext  
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**Out-of-the-Envelope Tips for Presenting Gift Certificates with Style**  
PR Newswire, p0508LATHFNS2  
May 8, 1997  
Language: English Record Type: Fulltext  
Document Type: Newswire; Trade  
Word Count: 620

... one of Hallmark's quintessentially popular designs, attach a packet of pansy seeds or pansy pin.  
Hallmark, with one of the world's largest **retail distribution networks**, sells **gift certificates** in its approximately 5,000 Hallmark Cold Crown **stores** across the nation. Hallmark Gold Crown gift certificates have no expiration date and can be...  
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**For The Person Who Has E-everything. (C/Base Inc's Webcertificate program ) (Company Business and Marketing) (Brief Article)**  
Mateyaschuk, Jennifer  
InformationWeek, p16(1)

Search report

Nov 16, 1998

Language: English Record Type: Fulltext  
Article Type: Brief Article  
Document Type: Magazine/Journal; Tabloid; General Trade  
Word Count: 115

... Webcertificate" program on Nov. 27-the day after Thanksgiving-traditionally the busiest and most dreaded **shopping** day in America.

**Webcertificate** is an online **gift certificate** good at any Internet site that accepts **credit cards**. The recipient is E-mailed a personal account number for a set dollar amount that...

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**FREQUENT-SHOPPER PLANS SEEN AS RETAIL SUCCESS STORIES**

AMATO-McCOY, DEENA

Supermarket News, p15

Jan 27, 1997

Language: English Record Type: Fulltext  
Document Type: Magazine/Journal; Trade  
Word Count: 761

... for 30 days, compliments of In Circle."

Seizing another opportunity to cement customer loyalty, the **retailer** also launched an **electronic gift certificate** program called the Neiman Marcus Gift Card. The gift certificate functions like a **credit card**, with purchases charged against the balance automatically each time the customer uses the card.

"If...

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**ELECTRONIC CASH AT BLOCKBUSTER**

Chain Store Age Executive with Shopping Center Age, p27

Feb, 1996

Language: English Record Type: Fulltext  
Document Type: Magazine/Journal; Trade  
Word Count: 111

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TEXT:

Soon they'll eliminate money altogether. Blockbuster Entertainment Group and **merchant credit card** service processor CES/NaBANCO have created a stored value **electronic gift -card** that will function as cash at Blockbuster Video, Blockbuster Music and Discovery Zone sites. Similar...

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... Flowers Exhibit. The coins are registered by serial number and can be used at the store or on its Web site.

Gift -certificate coins At Harvard Collections, Holyoke Center, 1350 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, 617-496-0700; or visit...

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**ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATES: PERFECT GIFT FOR THE TIMES? THEY'RE LESS CUMBERSOME THAN THE TRADITIONAL PAPER. AND THEY PROJECT A TRENDIER IMAGE.**  
Philadelphia Inquirer (PI) - Thursday, December 10, 1998  
By: Lisa Cornwell, ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Edition: SF Page: F05  
Word Count: 585

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Upscale retailer Neiman Marcus offers electronic gift cards and gift certificates for holiday shoppers. This year, the store introduced a special corporate gift...

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**FOR THE SHOPPING-IMPAIRED A CONSHOHOCKEN COMPANY'S WEB SITE LETS CUSTOMERS BUY AND GIVE GIFT CERTIFICATES WITHOUT BEING MALLED.**  
Philadelphia Inquirer (PI) - Friday, December 4, 1998  
By: Jane M. Von Bergen, INQUIRER STAFF WRITER

Edition: SF Section: BUSINESS Page: C01  
Word Count: 965

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...family, I'm known notoriously as the worst gift-giver," he said.

His opportunity is Webcertificate - an Internet -shopping gift certificate site launched by his company last week on Black Friday, the post-Thanksgiving buying marathon...

...a new way to shop," Gillin said.

Here's how it works: Calling up the Webcertificate - <http://www.webcertificate.com> - site, a shopper buys a gift certificate to be used for online shopping. There is a fee of...